

PATROL CAR EQUIPMENT

STANDARD NO(S)

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I. OBJECTIVE

To specify the equipment that is needed in order to handle emergencies and to conduct investigations, both accident and preliminary, and which is to be carried in each patrol vehicle.

II. POLICY

A member of the SCSO, while engaged in normal duties on road patrol, is frequently called upon to handle medical or other emergencies or, as first responder, conduct a preliminary investigation. In order to perform these tasks effectively, the member must have at one's disposal certain equipment that must be kept in readiness and in adequate supply.

III. DETAILS

A. Patrol Vehicle Equipment - Each patrol car will carry the following equipment in the quantities indicated:

1. Two blankets, disposable, in plastic wrapping
2. One first aid box, fully stocked
3. Road flares, at least twelve
4. Shotgun and extra ammunition in locked gun rack
5. One "Slim Jim" type door opening tool
6. One fire extinguisher, fully charged
7. One measuring tape, 100'
8. One pry bar
9. One flashlight w/red snap-on traffic wand
10. One reflectorized traffic vest
11. One roll crime scene barrier tape, 500'
12. Marker for marking positions of evidence on road
13. One Rescue kit w/plastic gloves, alcohol wipes
14. One CPR breathing mask
15. SCSO "Posted" placards
16. Seat belt cutter
17. Computer/Printer/Scanner
18. Naloxone Kit

B. Procedures -

1. Member will check the patrol car on a daily basis to insure that the equipment listed above is in place and in good condition.
 - a. Disposable supplies (flares, first aid materials, etc.) will be replaced after each use.
 - b. Whenever the measuring tape is used, it shall be wiped completely clean with a cloth.
 - c. Whenever a fire extinguisher is used, it should be returned for recharging and a spare obtained to carry in the interim.
2. There are special requirements for the care and maintenance of the Computer
 - a. Computers, mounted in all marked patrol units, will not be moved or altered, to include the addition or deletion of any hardware or software without the authorization of the Road Patrol Lieutenant.
 - b. It will be the responsibility of the investigator operating an unmarked vehicle having computer mounting hardware to insure that the computer is properly secured while in the vehicle.
 - c. All personnel will report any computer malfunction to the appropriate supervisor.
 - d. AT NO TIME should any food or liquids be placed on or near the computer.
 - e. AT NO TIME shall any member tamper with or change computer connections without authorization of the Sheriff or designee.
 - f. Each member to whom an Computer is assigned is required to bring it into the SCSO at least once a month in order to download the newest version of virus software along with any new MOI updates. This procedure is accomplished at the appropriate icon located on the available desktop computers.
3. In addition to the equipment listed under ¶ A above, and by agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), A SCSO vehicle may be equipped with a license plate reader.

- a. The MPH 900 consists of two cameras mounted on the patrol vehicle, which scan license plates within their view. Using character recognition software, the plate numbers are compared to a list of those that have been stolen, revoked or suspended and have been entered into the computer. The “wanted” plate numbers are periodically furnished by DMV. The system runs continuously in the background on the MTD and provides an audible and visual alarm when a match is found.
- b. The MPH 900 is to be used only by Road Patrol personnel who have been trained in the care and operation of the system.
- c. Subject to availability, SCSO provide mutual assistance to neighboring jurisdictions who request the MPH 900 for special operations.
- d. The MPH 900 may be deployed when responding to the recovery of an abducted child (AMBER Alert).