



2-101 Department-Vehicle Grappler Device

Related SOP(s), Form(s), Other Resource(s), and Rescinded Special Order(s):

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None

B. Form(s)

None

C. Other Resource(s)

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2-101-2 Policy

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N/A 2-101-3 Definitions

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6 2-101-4 Procedures

A. Use of the Grappler Device

1. Only Department personnel authorized by the Investigations Bureau Deputy Chief or their designee who have successfully completed training in the proper use and deployment techniques of the grappler device shall use or deploy it.



2. Department personnel shall get authorization from a certified supervisor to deploy the grappler device.
 - a. The grappler device shall only be used and deployed during the following incidents:
 - i. When the individual driving the vehicle is subject to a lawful detention or arrest for the following:
 1. Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon;
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 4. Criminal sexual penetration;
 5. Homicide;
 6. Kidnapping;
 7. Receiving or transferring of a stolen motor vehicle;
 8. Robbery; or
 9. Unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.
 - ii. For any other felony charges where the individual has a history of fleeing from law enforcement;
 - iii. A certified supervisor approves the use and deployment of the grappler for a preplanned arrest operation on an individual wanted for a felony offense; or
 - iv. To terminate an authorized pursuit.

B. Considerations for Deployment

1. Department personnel shall avoid deployment of the grappler device if:
 - a. The size of the target vehicle is too large, such as:
 - i. Moving trucks, Semi-tractor trailers, recreational vehicles (RV) or vehicles with deep-set rear axles from the rear bumper.
 - b. The target vehicle has fewer than four-wheels, unless deadly force is authorized; or
 - c. There are environmental concerns.
 - i. Heavily pedestrian populated areas shall be avoided.
 - ii. Vehicles that are suspected to be transporting hazardous material shall be avoided.
2. Department personnel shall consider the following tactical factors before deployment:
 - a. Traffic conditions;
 - b. Pedestrian traffic; and
 - c. That support personnel are close enough to support the stop;
 - d. The target vehicle is driving between five (5) miles per hour (MPH) and seventy-five (75) MPH; and
 - e. The target vehicle is on a dry hard surface.

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3. Post-Deployment



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- a. If the individual driving the vehicle that is attached to the grappler device attempts to ram the officers vehicle, Department personnel shall:
 - i. Consider disengaging the tether from the grappler device; and
 - ii. Use a stationary vehicle containment technique to stop the individual's vehicle movement.

4. Reporting Requirements

- a. Certified sworn personnel shall complete a Uniform Incident Report when the grappler device is used on a vehicle.
 - i. A certified supervisor shall ensure a Uniform Incident Report is submitted by the end of the officer's shift when the grappler device is used on a vehicle.

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