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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: ASSISTING MOTORIST

INDEX AS: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: MOTORIST: MECHANICAL
ASSISTANCE: ESCORT SERVICE:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/30/2005 REVISED DATE:

I. PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines to be followed when providing assistance to the motoring public.

II. SCOPE:

These guidelines apply to situations where a citizen or motorist requests assistance from a Deputy.

III. GENERAL PROVISION:

A. Deputies will at all times assist and protect citizens and motorist that are in need upon any street or highway. At such times when a Deputy observes a stranded motorist, he/she will stop and determine what assistance, if any, is required. The Deputy may take any of the following actions:

1. If vehicle is disabled upon the roadway and can be pushed to a safe location off the roadway, the Deputy can help the person move the vehicle. **NO** Law Enforcement vehicle will be used to push or pull a civilian vehicle.
2. Arrange for the motorist to have the vehicle towed either by owner's request or by use of the call service.
3. Relay a message to a competent mechanic to have the

vehicle repaired at the scene.

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4. Transport motorist to Law Enforcement Center to use the telephone.
 5. Relay motorist request to dispatcher for telephoning a message for assistance.
- B. Emergency Assistance shall be provided to motorist by Law Enforcement personnel in any of the following ways:
1. First Aid;
 2. Obtaining medical assistance;
 3. Fighting fires;
 4. Obtaining fire service assistance.

All emergency request shall be made through the 911 Communication Center.

IV. ROAD HAZARDS:

- A. The prompt reporting of road hazards is vital to the safety of the motoring public. All sworn personnel have an immediate duty to report any road hazard to the dispatcher. The following are considered road hazards:
1. Roadway defects consisting of- debris, potholes, loose gravel, etc.;
 2. Defective, damaged or inoperable traffic devices;
 3. Lack of or missing traffic control or information signs;
 4. Lack of or defective roadway lighting;
 5. Visually obstructed intersections;
 6. Lack of, damaged or missing roadway safety devices- (reflectors, guard rails, etc:).

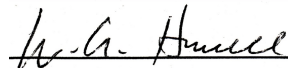
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- B. The Deputy will advise the 911 Communications Center to notify the proper agency for appropriate action.


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SHERIFF

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