



CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

GENERAL POLICE ORDER



EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2023	CHAPTER: 6 – Division Property	PAGE: 1 of 2	NUMBER: 6.04.04
SUBJECT: DIVISION OFF ROAD VEHICLES			
CHIEF: <i>Dornat A. Drummond, Chief</i>			

PURPOSE: To ensure the proper operation, maintenance, storage and guidance for the use of Division off road vehicles.

POLICY: **It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police** to utilize and operate off road vehicles in a safe and professional manner.

DEFINITIONS:

Off Road Vehicle – All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

PROCEDURES:

I. General Guidelines

- A. Division off road vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, utilizing all safety equipment provided by the manufacturer.
- B. Members shall not operate Division off road vehicles without permission from their Commander or designee.
- C. Division off road vehicles shall be used for official law enforcement purposes only.

II. Member Responsibilities

- A. Members that operate Division off road vehicles during their tour of duty shall ensure that a 360 degree inspection of the vehicle is documented via their wearable camera system (WCS) at the beginning and end of their tour of duty.
- B. Report any damage to off road vehicles to the Officer-In-Charge and bad order the vehicle for repair.
- C. Members shall operate the vehicle in a safe manner, following procedures as outlined in General Police Order [4.01.01](#) Emergency Driving.

III. Off Road Operation

- A. Members operating off road vehicles outside of the roadway (e.g., grass, sidewalks, private property etc.) shall do so in a safe manner, utilizing the emergency lights on the vehicle.
- B. Member shall not operate Division off road vehicles on the highway unless by police escort.

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IV. Prohibited Operation

A. Members shall not operate Division off road vehicles in the following circumstances:

1. Vehicle pursuits
2. On the highway; the only exception is with a police escort
3. On rail road tracks

B. Members shall not operate Division off road vehicles in a reckless or negligent manner.

V. Supervisor Responsibilities

A. Ensure that members assigned an off road vehicle follow procedures outlined in this order.

B. Complete any investigations regarding unexplained damage to the off road vehicle.

C. Ensure that the off road vehicles are stored properly and are properly maintained.

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE OR POLICY FOR THIS SUBJECT AND WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.