



STRANDED MOTORIST GENERAL ORDER #17.04

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POLICY

The Office of the Sheriff will provide assistance to all disabled motorists upon public roads and highways, as well as any other locations found to be applicable in accordance with this order.

PROCEDURE

- A.** Sheriff's Office personnel who are driving marked Sheriff's vehicles who observed a disabled/stranded motorist on a highway or freeway will stop and provide reasonable assistance unless one of the following conditions exist:
1. The Sheriff's personnel is involved in an assignment that could be jeopardized by stopping to render assistance.
 2. The safety of the Sheriff's personnel or other motorists might be endangered by the maneuvering necessary to stop.
- B.** If the Sheriff's Office personnel is unable to stop and assist a disabled motorist located within the Sheriff's or contract city jurisdiction, the county communication dispatcher will be advised of the vehicle's description, location, and direction of travel. The dispatcher will advise another beat unit or the appropriate agency to assure assistance is provided.
- C.** All Sheriff's personnel, while operating a marked patrol vehicle, that observes any occupied vehicle on a roadway which appears to be disabled shall stop and inquire if the motorist needs any assistance, except in the following circumstances:
1. When responding code 3 to an emergency call, or in an attempt to overtake or pursue an actual law violator.

2. When it appears that assistance already has been rendered by another agency, commercial vendor, or a citizen.

D. In providing assistance to a disabled motorist, the deputy shall not:

1. Perform any mechanical repair service.
2. Cause the department or the county to incur any extraneous expenses such as providing fuel or mechanical supplies.



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