

## **Unit Order #12 - Towing The Radar Trailer and Other Trailers**

**Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department**

**CRESCENTA VALLEY STATION**

UNIT ORDER # 12

**TOWING THE RADAR TRAILER AND OTHER TRAILERS**

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It is the policy of the Crescenta Valley Station that all safety rules shall apply when department members are towing trailers. In all instances when trailers are to be towed the appropriate safety pins and safety chains shall be attached to the tow vehicles. The chain should have only enough slack in it to enable the tow vehicle to turn all corners. Under no circumstances shall there be enough slack in the safety chain that the tongue of the trailer would drag on the roadway if it were to bounce off the trailer hitch. All trailers hitches shall be secured to the towing ball with the appropriate safety pin when the trailer hitch is designed to utilize a safety pin.

The Radar Trailer shall have two safety pins in order to ensure safe towing. One safety pin is in the draw bar which attaches to the tow hitch. The other safety pin is utilized in the trailer hitch/ball portion of the trailer. Both safety pins shall be utilized in the towing. The safety chain must also be secured in such a manner that the towing tongue could not drag on the ground if the towing tongue should become detached from the towing ball.

As always, good driving habits shall be expected from a department member who is towing a department trailer. A vehicle towing a trailer should be driven slowly if road conditions such as heavy traffic, uneven surfaces, and right and left turning maneuvers are experienced.

**NOTE:**

**THE RADAR TRAILER CONTAINS CALIBRATED EQUIPMENT AND IS FRAGILE.**

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