

Metrolink Bureau Unit Order 610-25 Polaris Ranger Off-Road Vehicles

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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Subject: POLARIS RANGER OFF-ROAD VEHICLES	
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PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the usage/maintenance of the Polaris Ranger off-road vehicles for all deputy personnel.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

The order shall apply to all deputy personnel using the Polaris Rangers.

ORDER:

The Polaris Rangers are to be used to conduct right-of-way enforcement along the railroad tracks and adjacent areas. They may also be used to transport personnel in case of an emergency or during special events. Prior to using the Polaris Rangers deputies must attend a class on proper/safe use of the machines, trailers and related accessories. Due to the operator being exposed to the elements (Dirt, Mud, Dust etc.) Class "B" (or modified) uniform is authorized.

Deputies Responsibilities

Pre-use: Prior to using the Polaris Rangers, deputies shall obtain approval from their shift Sergeant. Deputies shall ensure that there is no damage on the Polaris rangers or the trailers. They must ensure the Polaris Rangers are properly secured in the trailers prior to transport. The Polaris Rangers and trailers shall only be transported with vehicles that are factory tow rated and have a properly attached tow hitch.

Usage: Deputy personnel shall obey all traffic rules and regulations while operating the Polaris rangers on the street. Street usage should be limited to travel to and from the right-of-way only, due to the fact the vehicles are not licensed nor equipped with the proper equipment for street use. Seat belts shall be worn at all times. Doors/safety nets shall be closed and secured while vehicle is in use.

The Polaris Rangers are equipped to drive on the right-of-way. This does not mean they cannot be damaged. Operators should be cognizant of and attempt to avoid obstacles and debris on the right-of-way that could cause damage and/or flatten tires. Should the vehicle get a flat tire, the operator will have to arrange for someone to transport the trailer to them in order to transport the vehicle for repair. If needed a County tow may be called.

Post-Usage: Deputies shall transport the Polaris Rangers back to their work location. They shall ensure the Polaris Rangers are cleaned, fueled and inspected for any damage. Should there be any damage, it must be reported the shift supervisor immediately. The Polaris Rangers are assigned a County vehicle number. They can be fueled up at any County facility.

Sergeant Responsibilities

Sergeants shall ensure that prior to usage, deputy personnel obtain approval from their shift Sergeant. Sergeants shall inspect the Polaris Rangers and trailers for any damage and ensure that they are being maintained. This shall be done as part of the Sergeant's assigned daily duties. Any damage or needed maintenance shall be reported to the training staff.
