

**TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**

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**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to require the inspection of special use equipment at least quarterly.

**SECTION 2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department that all special use equipment will be inspected at least quarterly to ensure that the equipment is ready for immediate deployment.

**SECTION 3 PROCEDURES**

- A. The Operations Services Division Commander's designee will arrange for inspection of the command post trailer (Unit 91106), MRAP (Unit 29808) and UTV (91217) on a monthly basis to ensure that they are in good working order and ready for immediate deployment. Any noted mechanical problems will be immediately reported to fleet services and any electronic equipment problems will be reported to the Support Services Division. The inspection will be reported on the designated form and forwarded to the Operations Services Division Commander.
- B. The Operations Services Division Commander or his designee will transport the Special Use Equipment noted in Section 3A to Fleet Services at least once every sixty (60) days for a full inspection by Fleet personnel. Fleet Services will provide documentation of the inspection.
- C. The Operations Services Division Commander or his designee will also inspect all other special use equipment at least quarterly. These inspections must include all special use equipment in the Operations Services Division which is not routinely used including thermal imaging camera, tactical entry vests, crowd control equipment, Stinger spike system, night vision, emergency generator at Special Operations and Training Center, and unassigned specialized weapons in the armory.
- D. The SWAT Commander will insure a documented inspection of specialized SWAT equipment at least quarterly.
- E. All documentation of special use inspections will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for inclusion in the master policy log.

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F. RESPONSIBILITY

1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.