

## **Squad Operation and Use of Department Equipment Standard**

This standard evaluates an officer's competence to operate a police motor vehicle and department equipment during general patrol and emergency response situations in accordance with department expectations.

### **Meets Standards: Yes**

The officer is compliant with traffic laws and procedural guidelines while operating police motor vehicle. Officer effectively demonstrates multi-tasking abilities by maintaining total control of the police motor vehicle while responding to calls for service, general patrol operations and while responding to emergency calls by driving at safe/defensible speeds and maintaining environment awareness while utilizing on board equipment. Officer anticipates motorist and pedestrian actions and affects appropriate and timely evasive actions and does not place self or public at risk.

Officer remains attentive and immediately responds correctly to radio and computer transmissions accurately by briefly and clearly providing current locations and status. Officer knows locations of equipment in the squad car and office. Officer demonstrates full understanding and proficiency in the use of all department squad and office equipment. Officer assists with routine maintenance of department equipment.

### **Meets Standards: No**

The officer's inattentiveness results in traffic violations or other dangerous situations which place other motorists, officers, pedestrians or self at risk. Officer drives too fast or too slow while responding to calls for service, during general patrol operations or while responding to emergency calls. Officer is unable to execute multi-tasking responsibilities or maintain environmental awareness while operating on board equipment or handling tasks that require momentary diversion of the eyes from the roadway surface. Officer is unable to anticipate motorist or pedestrian action and does not affect appropriate or timely evasive actions.

Officer misses calls from dispatch, other officers or MDC. Officer fails to provide dispatch with accurate patrol locations or appropriate answers. Officer is unable to locate department equipment in the squad or office. Officer is unable to operate or understand department equipment in a proficient manner. Officer does not assist with routine maintenance of department equipment