

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MAJOR EVENTS DIVISION COMMAND TRUCK

POLICY

The Major Events Division (MED) command truck shall be used and operated in accordance with this directive.

PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

- A. The primary function of the MED command truck is to provide a command, control, and communications platform to assist field or support units during disasters, terrorism events, planned events, or training for such incidents.
- B. The MED command truck is capable of providing support by functioning as:
 1. An interoperable communications vehicle for incidents involving multiple agencies, departments, or critical infrastructure private organizations (e.g., electric company, telephone company, water company, etc.);
 2. A command post for preplanned events (e.g., large parades, multiagency training exercises, community events with large gatherings, or incidents of national significance);
 3. An operations command post for incidents such as hostage/barricade situations and search operations; or
 4. A resource for any mission deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or designee.

II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. MED Commander

1. The MED command truck is under the command of the MED commander or designee.
2. The MED commander or designee shall determine when mobilization of the command truck is required and shall notify the necessary personnel for its operations.
3. The MED commander shall provide the Communications Division with a list of emergency telephone contact numbers. This list shall be updated as necessary.
4. The MED commander shall establish internal procedures and guidelines for the command truck to include (but not be limited to) the following:
 - a. Personnel responsibilities;
 - b. Operator qualifications;
 - c. Vehicle use;
 - d. Mobilization of the command truck;
 - e. Maintenance, repair, or out-of-service; and
 - f. Parking.

B. MED Command Truck Operators

1. Only persons authorized by the MED commander or designee shall operate the command truck.
2. Operators of the command truck shall receive training to ensure the safe operation of the truck.

C. Support Personnel

MED support personnel assigned to the command truck shall have training and a working knowledge of the truck and its components.

III. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

The MED commander or designee shall establish procedures for the maintenance and care of the command truck to ensure its safe operation.

IV. UTILIZATION OF THE MED COMMAND TRUCK

A. Emergency Use

1. An incident commander (lieutenant or above), who is in charge of an event (e.g., disaster, explosion, terrorist act, tactical operation, etc.) that is expected to last more than four hours, may request the command truck by contacting the Communications Division. The Communications Division shall immediately contact an MED emergency contact designee with information provided by the incident commander.
2. The Communications Division shall provide the MED emergency contact designee with the following:
 - a. The name of the person making the request, the person's radio call number, and the radio talk group or frequency of the incident/operation;
 - b. The type of incident and purpose for requesting the command truck;
 - c. A telephone contact number; and
 - d. The location where the command truck is needed.

B. Nonemergency Requests

1. Requests for tactical nonemergency operations (e.g., counter-drug operations, Community Area of Responsibility projects, etc.) shall be routed via channels to the assistant chief of the Special Field Operations Bureau (SFOB).
2. Nonemergency requests to mobilize the command truck for homeland security presentations or planned community events (e.g., parades, community displays, etc.) shall be routed via channels as follows:
 - a. Internal requests shall be routed via the assistant chief of the SFOB to the MED commander.
 - b. External requests shall be routed via the Community Affairs Division and the assistant chief of the SFOB to the MED commander.
3. The command truck may be used for preplanned training exercises or other training purposes as determined by the MED commander or designee.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

When mobilized, the command truck operator shall use the operator's assigned police radio call number. The operator shall inform the radio dispatcher that the command truck has been deployed.

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VI. REPORTS

The MED shall maintain reports of inspections and repairs of the command truck in accordance with procedures established in the divisional manual of operations.

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SUSAN BALLARD
Chief of Police

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