
	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	317.00 CRIME PREVENTION DEPLOYMENT VEHICLE PROGRAM
	Effective Date: August, 2011
	Approved: _____  Chief of Police

- I. Purpose

Mesquite Police Department Deployment Vehicle Program is a crime prevention tool to aid in the reduction of criminal activity at a targeted business location. The program will utilize marked police vehicles no longer in service to give the appearance of a police presence at an approved business location that has experienced criminal activity. These vehicles are identified by a specific numbering system which begins with the number 9.
- II. Program Qualifications:
 - A. The business must be open 24 hours a day or have an enclosed parking area to safely store the vehicle, unless otherwise authorized by a lieutenant or above.
 - B. A statistical analysis of the problem business location must be completed by the Crime Prevention Unit.
 - C. The Crime Prevention Unit will determine if the program will be effective for the business location under review.
 - D. Acceptance of the program will be subject to the availability of a program vehicle and its overall need.
 - E. The initiation of a business analysis may be requested by a business or recommended by the Crime Prevention Unit.
 - F. A signed agreement between the business owner/representative and crime prevention officers must be on file in the Public Service / Homeland Security Office and approved by the Homeland Security Lieutenant prior to deployment of the program vehicle.
 - G. The Public Service/Homeland Security Office will maintain a file of all businesses participating in the program.
 - H. No more than two program vehicles may be deployed at any one location.
- III. Program Rules and Regulations
 - A. The business owner/representative must be in agreement that the success of the program will depend on their confidentiality among employees and the general public.
 - B. Only one person shall have possession of a program car key and be allowed to move the vehicle around the business location.
 - C. The business must maintain the program vehicle's appearance by keeping it clean.
 - D. The business may be responsible for routine maintenance while the program vehicle is in their possession. This will be coordinated with the Public Service/Homeland Security Office.
 - E. The business will provide a weekly report outlining the impact of the program on the crime problem. Program effectiveness will be grounds for continuing or removing a vehicle from a specific location.
 - F. The business will be responsible for any expenses from damage to a program vehicle or any of its equipment while in their possession due to negligence.
 - G. The business will be responsible for moving the vehicle during the vehicle's deployment to maintain the appearance that the vehicle is occupied.
 - H. The business will agree to pay any fees assessed by the police department for the implementation or maintenance of the program.
 - I. The program vehicle must remain on the business property at all times and may only be removed by a Mesquite Police representative.
 - J. An auto start system may be used by the program business upon approval of the Mesquite

Police Department.

IV. Penalties:

- A. Violations of this agreement with the Mesquite Police Department will result in an immediate suspension of the program and forfeiture of the program vehicle.
- B. Any and all state and federal laws that are violated will be enforced to the fullest extent of the law.

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Letter of Understanding
Crime Prevention Deployment Vehicle

In consideration for the following business's participation in this program, the Mesquite Police Department will allow _____, located at _____ use of a marked police vehicle for crime prevention purposes.

Use of this vehicle by the above referenced business will be subject to the following conditions:

1. To insure success of the program, business representative agrees to keep the vehicles deployment and purposes confidential among employees and the general public.
2. Only one person from the business will have a key to the deployment vehicle and be allowed to move the vehicle around the location.
3. The business must agree to keep the vehicle clean and provide routine maintenance while the vehicle is in their possession.
4. The business will be responsible for any damage to the vehicle or its equipment arising from negligence while in their possession.
5. The vehicle must remain on the business property at all times. The vehicle will only be removed by Mesquite Police personnel.
6. Business agrees to pay any fees that might be assessed by the Chief of Police for maintaining vehicles in this program. \$ 0 per week.
7. Penalties:
 - (A) Violations of this agreement will result in the immediate suspension of a business from the program. The vehicle will be removed immediately.
 - (B) Any and all violations of law will be enforced, and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Effectiveness of the program will be evaluated periodically by the Crime Prevention Unit. The vehicle may be withdrawn at any time if no longer needed.

I have read the conditions for participation in the Crime Prevention Deployment Vehicle Program and agree to abide by them.

Business Contact Information:

Contact Name(s) _____

Home Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

Representative of Business Date

Mesquite Police Crime Prevention Officer Date

Exhibit No. 300-7 Crime Prevention Deployment Vehicle Program Agreement