

	SECTION:	OPERATIONS	OPR-251
	CHAPTER:	VEHICLES	
	DIRECTIVE:	VEHICLES – MARKED PATROL	

251.01 SUMMARY

The Department believes that conspicuously marked Patrol vehicles enhance Officer and community safety, warn potential violators, and provide citizens with a feeling of security. The Department uses unmarked vehicles to avoid drawing attention or alerting potential suspects during surveillance, covert operations, and other investigative activities. This directive sets the procedures for marking, equipping, and operating marked Patrol vehicles.

251.02 STANDARD EQUIPMENT FOR MARKED PATROL VEHICLES

At a minimum, Patrol vehicles that are used for routine Patrol duties are equipped with the following:

- Red and blue emergency lights mounted on the roof.
- Mobile radio transceiver.
- Police siren.
- Reflective striping material on the sides and rear of the Patrol vehicle with lettering or decals indicating the “Grand Junction Police Department”.
- Public address system.
- Exterior spotlights.
- Unit number located on the vehicle exterior where it is readily visible to the public.
- Mobile Data Computer (MDC).
- Equipment storage box.
- Traffic cones (3).
- First aid kit.
- Flares (9).
- Fire extinguisher.
- Fingerprint kit

251.03 ASSIGNMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

PATROL VEHICLES – These vehicles are assigned to the Patrol Section to respond to calls for service and perform daily Patrol operations. The on-duty Shift Supervisors may authorize them for the use of personnel who have received Department-approved driver training.

251.04 INSPECTION, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE

INSPECTION – Inspection includes a visual inspection of the vehicle exterior and all installed equipment, including all equipment, materials and supplies located in the vehicle.

Any employee who operates a Department vehicle on a regular basis is required to inspect the vehicle prior to use.

MAINTENANCE – Maintenance includes arranging for necessary repairs, ensuring that equipment installed on or in the vehicle is operational, and ensuring that supplies and materials are restocked as needed.

The Shift Supervisor and Investigations Section Sergeant are responsible for the maintenance of Patrol vehicles and Investigation Section vehicles, respectively.

