

BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Emergency Escorts

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POLICY

It is the policy of this department that only under the most serious and life threatening circumstances will an officer escort a civilian vehicle in an emergency mode.

PROCEDURES

I. Medical Assistance

- A. If an officer encounters a citizen en route to a hospital with someone in need of medical attention he should stop to assess the condition of the patient. If the condition is serious then EMS should be summoned unless the officer is so close to the hospital as to make this impractical.
- B. If such an escort is to be conducted it shall be at a normal speed. Emergency equipment may be utilized to traverse intersections. It is the officer's responsibility to ensure the citizen's vehicle is safely past the intersection before continuing.

II. Reports of Criminal Activity or Emergency

- A. If an officer encounters a business owner en route to check a report of criminal activity at his place of business or a citizen responding to an emergency, he shall escort them at a normal speed while following all traffic regulations.
- B. If the situation warrants he may request that a closer unit be dispatched to the place of business or residence.

III. Safety

- A. If in the officer's judgment the driver is unable to safely operate the vehicle, he may be offered a ride to his intended destination. This does not include persons in need of medical attention; EMS will transport all patients; however, the officer may offer a ride to those accompanying the patient.
- B. Under no circumstances will an officer escort another emergency vehicle in an emergency mode.