

# **Hartford Police Department Humvee Utilization Policy**

## **Objective:**

This policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for the appropriate use of the Humvee within the police department, ensuring responsible and effective deployment while maintaining community trust.

## **Authorization and Training:**

Only authorized personnel who have completed training are permitted to operate the Humvee. The Chief or Lieutenant must approve each deployment of a Humvee, ensuring it aligns with the department's mission and objectives.

## **Purpose of Humvee Deployment:**

The Humvee should be utilized for specific tactical situations, such as extreme weather conditions, natural disasters, or high-risk law enforcement operations. Routine patrolling using the Humvee is prohibited. The Humvee may participate in community parades and events at the discretion of the Police Chief and City Manager.

## **Equipment and Maintenance:**

The Humvee must be equipped with necessary law enforcement tools. Regular maintenance checks are mandatory to ensure the Humvee is in optimal working condition. Any issues must be promptly reported to the Lieutenant.

## **Community Relations:**

Transparent communication with the community is vital. The police department will provide information on the reasons for Humvee deployment when appropriate, addressing concerns and fostering understanding. Community feedback will be considered when evaluating the continued use of the Humvee in various scenarios.

**Use of Force:**

The Humvee is not to be used as a means of force unless absolutely necessary. The primary role is to provide support and logistics. Officers operating the Humvee must follow strict rules of engagement and the Department Use of Force Policy.

**Documentation and Review:**

Each Humvee deployment must be documented, including the rationale, outcomes, and any community interactions. Regular reviews of Humvee use will be conducted to assess effectiveness, adherence to policy, and community impact.

**Accountability:**

Violations of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, which may include retraining, suspension, or termination. Officers are encouraged to report any concerns related to Humvee use through proper channels without fear of retaliation. This policy aims to strike a balance between the legitimate use of the Humvee in law enforcement operations and maintaining public trust by ensuring transparency and accountability.