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## Mobile Command Center

### 705.1 POLICY

The following establishes procedures for deployment and maintenance of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Mobile Command Center (MCC).

The MCC will be stored at a secure site established for this purpose. The Duty Officer will maintain knowledge of the current storage location of this vehicle. The MCC shall be available for use on a call-out basis, twenty-four hours a day.

Overall command responsibility for the MCC is assigned to the Special Operations Division Commander.

### 705.2 MOBILE COMMAND CENTER DEPLOYMENT

The MCC is used as a mobile staging/communications facility for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. The MCC allows agency personnel the flexibility to rapidly deploy a command, staging and communications facility to a variety of specialized situations including:

- (a) Natural and man-made disasters.
- (b) Major crime scenes.
- (c) Barricade/hostage incidents.
- (d) Search and rescue operations.
- (e) Civil disturbances.
- (f) Warrant sweeps.
- (g) Parades, fairs and other special events.

Critical incidents or unusual occurrences will take precedence over all other assignments. Any supervisor may request the MCC be deployed for an unusual occurrence. However, absent exigent circumstances, a Division Commander must authorize the deployment. When deployed, the Incident Commander will be responsible for designating a safe location for the MCC to be set up.

The MCC will be towed behind a designated truck by personnel holding a valid Maryland commercial motor vehicle license. The MCC and/or designated truck will not be utilized for any type of routine patrol activities, pursuits or traffic stops. The Special Operations Division Commander or, if he/she is not available, the Incident Commander will arrange for a relief driver if a continuous use is anticipated or in fact exceeds ten (10) hours.

### 705.3 REQUESTS FOR DEPLOYMENT BY ALLIED AGENCIES

The MCC, upon approval of the Sheriff, Assistant Sheriff or, in exigent circumstances, a Division Commander, will be made available to assist other governmental agencies for unusual occurrences. Other governmental agencies can include, but are not limited to:

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- (a) Department of Public Safety.
- (b) Department of Defense.
- (c) Maryland State Police.
- (d) St. Mary's County Emergency Medical Services.
- (e) Other public safety agencies in surrounding jurisdictions.

The Special Operations Division Commander or designee is responsible for scheduled maintenance and service of the MCC and truck. He/she will conduct monthly vehicle inspections, a monthly inventory, and will test all equipment assigned to the MCC for operational readiness. He/she will complete, or cause to be completed, a monthly vehicle report for the MCC and truck.

Before and after each deployment, the designated driver will thoroughly inspect the exterior of the MCC and truck for operational readiness, cleanliness and damages. After each deployment, the designated driver will ensure the MCC is returned in a clean orderly condition, ready for use.