

## ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE ENF-026, VEHICLE CHECK TAG

<b>RESCINDS:</b> ENF-026, 2014-092, revised 11-07-2014.	<b>REVISED:</b> 01-03-2023 <span style="float: right;"><b>2023-029</b></span>
<b>RELATED DOCUMENTS:</b> ENF-016	<b>RELATED CALEA STANDARDS (6<sup>th</sup> Edition):</b> 61.1.3, 61.4.3

### I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will physically check and attach a Vehicle Check Tag, ISP 5-189 (this form is available from any troop), to vehicles unattended or found abandoned on highways.

### II. PROCEDURES

II.A. The Vehicle Check Tag will be placed on the rear window, centered on the left one-half of the window, allowing visibility by an Air Operations Bureau patrol. If vehicles have no rear window, place the tag on the center of the driver's door window, or wrap the tag around the vehicle's radio antenna.

II.A.1. To ensure installation, press the tag firmly on the window.

II.A.2. During inclement weather, the tag may be attached to the radio antenna by folding the tag in half and placing it in a position high enough to be easily viewed. If no antenna is available, apply the check tag wherever possible. Officers also may use the orange tape to identify abandoned or unattended vehicles during inclement weather.

II.B. Pursuant to the Illinois Vehicle Code, vehicles may be towed when they are:

II.B.1. Abandoned or left unattended on any toll highway, interstate highway, or expressway for two hours or more (625 ILCS 5/4-203(a)).

II.B.2. Abandoned on a highway in an urban troop for 10 hours or more (625 ILCS 5/4-203(b)).

II.B.3. Abandoned or left unattended on a highway other than a toll highway, interstate highway, or expressway outside of an urban troop for 24 hours or more (625 ILCS 5/4-203(c)).

II.B.4. Abandoned, unattended, wrecked, burned, or partially dismantled, and the vehicle is creating a traffic hazard because of its position in relation to the highway, or its physical appearance is impeding traffic (625 ILCS 5/4-203(d)).

II.C. An officer must place a Vehicle Check Tag on a vehicle when transporting the driver to seek assistance. The check tag should be modified by adding, "The driver of this vehicle was transported by (officer's name/ID#) on (date/time)."

**NOTE:** The vehicle may be tagged using the orange tape instead of the Vehicle Check Tag. The information (above) on the driver's relocation will be entered into the Computer Aided Dispatch system.

II.D. Officers may be required to determine if the previously abandoned or unattended vehicle has been moved.

II.E. If an abandoned or unattended vehicle must be towed, procedures found in ISP directive ENF-016, "Tows," will be followed.

| Indicates new or revised items.

-End of Directive-