I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will ensure equipment trailers designated for the transportation of equipment and supplies related to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement details are properly maintained and restricted to DUI enforcement details usage.

II. PROCEDURES

II.A. Use of the DUI equipment trailers is restricted to DUI enforcement details. In the event of a critical or unusual occurrence, the trailers may be used for the transportation of other equipment and supplies upon approval of the Region Commander, or his/her designee.

II.B. The host vehicle(s) used to tow the trailer will meet the trailer manufacturer’s specifications, and comply with the Illinois Vehicle Code.

II.C. Cargo weight limits will comply with the manufacturer’s recommendations.

II.D. The traffic enforcement detail supervisor will ensure the trailer is moved to a safe location when the off-loading of equipment is completed, unless the trailer is equipped with appropriate emergency lighting and/or marked with appropriate ISP decals.

II.E. District Fleet Officers will ensure the trailers are properly maintained and inventoried. Maintenance will include, but not be limited to, the following:

   II.E.1. Ensuring brake and turn signal lights are fully functional
   II.E.2. Ensuring host vehicle trailer hitches are safe and functional
   II.E.3. Ensuring the trailer’s hitch is safe and functional
   II.E.4. Ensuring the trailer tires are safe and properly inflated
   II.E.5. Ensuring the trailer’s axle and wheels are lubricated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations
   II.E.6. Ensuring the body of the trailer is properly maintained
   II.E.7. Ensuring the spare tire is available and functional
   II.E.8. Inspecting and accounting for equipment stored and transported in the trailer

II.F. Operator Qualifications and Training

Personnel assigned to transport the DUI Trailers will demonstrate proficiency in maneuvering the trailers prior to their use in the field.

   II.F.1. Personnel should demonstrate proficiency in backing the trailer into a defined space, and an understanding of the limitations the trailer creates for the maneuvering of the host vehicle.
   II.F.2. District Fleet Officers will maintain a list of qualified operators.
II.G. The unit of assignment will notify the Fleet Services Bureau, Division of Statewide 9-1-1, when any trailer is acquired and will provide all necessary documentation for title and registration requirements. Proper license plates will be displayed at all times.

II.H. The supervisor of the DUI detail will notify the District Fleet Officer of any equipment requiring replacement or repair.

II.I. Damage to the trailer will be immediately reported in accordance with ISP Directive EQP-003, “Department Vehicle Crash and Incident Reporting.”

II.J. When trailers are not in use, they will be stored in a safe and secure manner; for example, locks will be utilized to secure the trailer and tires will be chocked when not attached to a tow vehicle.

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