


PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

	SUBJECT:	POLICY NUMBER 405
	STOPPING A KNOWN OR SUSPECTED FELON	ISSUE DATE 02/19/2008
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I. PROCEDURES

Special procedures should be used in vehicle stops when the occupants of a vehicle are known to be armed and dangerous. When a vehicle driven by a known or suspected felon is located by a law enforcement officer, he will notify the dispatcher immediately of his location, and give a thorough description of the vehicle, and of occupants. The officer will keep the suspect vehicle in view and request sufficient assistance in making the stop. The officer will keep support units informed of the location and direction of travel to facilitate their approach with minimal use of emergency equipment. The suspect vehicle will not be stopped, unless absolutely necessary, until adequate support is available and in position. The following procedures will be used in effecting the stop:

- A. The officer will plan to stop the suspect vehicle in a location which presents minimal danger to other citizens.
- B. When conditions are appropriate and support units available, the officer will move into position to the rear of the suspect vehicle.
- C. The officer will signal the violator to stop, utilizing all emergency equipment to warn other traffic.
- D. The violator will be stopped on the extreme right side of the road.
- E. If the violator is known to be armed and dangerous, the officer will have his weapon easily accessible and ready for immediate use.
- F. When the suspect vehicle begins to stop, the officer will turn off the siren and actuate the public address system.
- G. The officer will park the police vehicle so that it provides maximum protection and cover for him.
- H. At night, all lights will be focused on the interior of the suspect vehicle, including spot lights, to the disadvantage of the violator.

- I. The officer will dismount the police vehicle quickly, but remain behind the door and accessible to the public address system microphone.
- J. The officer making the stop is in command and will direct each occupant, utilizing the public address system, to get out of the vehicle individually according to specific directions and into the appropriate search position, after which the approach may be made.
- K. If a public address system is not available, the officer will give voice commands if they can be heard; if this fails, the officer will cautiously approach the vehicle, keeping all occupants in view, to a point where he can be heard.
- L. The officer will also give instructions to the support officers, even if not needed, to assure the suspects that additional support is available.
- M. The support officers will cover the arresting officer and remain on the curb side of the vehicle until all occupants have dismounted and are in the search position.
- N. The support officers will not give additional commands as this would tend to confuse the suspects, but will make their presence known by responding to the commands given by the arresting officer.
- O. Extreme caution will be exercised by officers not to get within each other's line of fire.
- P. When all occupants have been removed from the vehicle, the support officers should move to a position to cover the arresting officer while the persons are searched.
- Q. Arrestees will be searched and handcuffed prior to being transported.