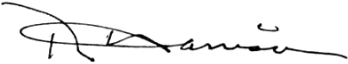


# TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Tire Deflation Devices</b>		
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I. Purpose and Scope

- A. The purpose of this policy is to regulate the use of tire deflation devices. This policy applies to all members of the Texarkana Police Department.

II. Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Texarkana Police Department to limit the use of all tire deflation devices for the purposes of terminating pursuits safely and quickly. When properly used, tire deflation devices maintain the potential to save lives, protect the motoring public and prevent unnecessary damage to property. To that end, department personnel authorized to deploy a tire deflation device shall do so in accordance with the guidelines contained within this policy and only when the deployment of such devices can be done safely to accomplish legitimate law enforcement objectives.
- B. All personnel shall recognize and adhere to the guidelines contained within this policy. Supervisors shall ensure compliance with this policy wherever practicable.

III. Procedures [ALEAP 7.21](#)

- A. Tire deflation equipment will be available in designated marked patrol units. Only those officers who have received training in the use of the equipment will deploy tire deflation equipment.
- B. Circumstances warranting the use of a tire deflation device would include the desire to terminate a pursuit with minimal risk of injury or damage, with a supervisor's approval, in a safe manner consistent with guidance provided within this policy coupled with the officer's training in the deployment of such devices.
- C. Only department provided and authorized equipment shall be used. This equipment shall remain stored within the manufacturer's provided carrying case. Supervisors shall be responsible for proper maintenance and storage of tire deflation equipment in the designated marked patrol units.
- D. Following each use, the equipment should be thoroughly inspected for damage. Should any apparent damage be detected, a request shall be sent through the Uniform Patrol Division commander requesting the equipment's repair. The department's quartermaster shall arrange for the equipment's repair in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

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- E. The safety of officers, citizens and violators should be of the utmost concern, and careful planning is essential before deploying any tire deflation device.
1. Tire deflation equipment shall not be deployed on the following vehicles:
    - a. Any vehicle having less than four wheels (motorcycles, ATV's);
    - b. Any vehicle having more than two axles;
    - c. Public transportation vehicles; or
    - d. Any vehicle transporting hazardous materials.
  2. The deployment location should allow for proper deployment and provide as high a degree of safety as possible to the deploying officer(s), those officers actively engaged in the pursuit, citizens, and property that could conceivably be affected as a result of the deployment.
  3. Natural barriers that can provide protection of the officers should be utilized when possible.
  4. An adequate line of sight to the approaching pursuit must be available.
  5. Patrol vehicle will be parked in such a manner to provide additional warning and protection without blocking the pursuit. Patrol vehicles shall have all emergency lighting activated.
  6. Deployment should be set far enough ahead of the pursuit to allow for adequate setup time. A rushed deployment is often ineffective and dangerous and is not authorized as an acceptable solution to terminate a pursuit.
  7. Whenever possible, a secondary marked unit with all emergency lighting activated should be placed on the opposite side of the roadway in an attempt to funnel the target vehicle in the direction of the deflation device.
  8. The deploying officer(s) will provide information on location and readiness to the pursuing officers. There shall be no deployment if this information is not received and confirmed by the pursuing officers.
  9. Target vehicle information must be supplied by the pursuing units to the deploying officer(s). A visual confirmation by the deploying officer(s) should be made to reduce the possibility of error.
  10. The deploying unit shall not be occupied.
  11. The deploying officer(s) shall deploy the equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Only those officers who have received approved tire deflation training will deploy the equipment.
  12. The deploying officer(s) shall not wrap the rope around the hands/arms or maintain any contact with the equipment while the vehicle(s) are driving over it.
  13. After deployment, officer(s) should immediately retrieve the tire deflation equipment using the retrieval methods prescribed in their deployment training, then immediately seek cover and protection.
  14. Deploying officer(s) are responsible for securing the equipment immediately after use. This will include searching the area for debris, inspecting the equipment, repairing the equipment if possible, and reconfiguring the equipment back into the manufacturer's storage container.

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