

Disabled Vehicles

505.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Best Practice NY_CALEA6.13 - 61.4.1

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for department members who provide assistance to motorists in disabled vehicles within the primary jurisdiction of the Syracuse Police Department.

505.2 POLICY

Best Practice NYSLEAP- 8.7 - 47.6, 47.8

It is the policy of the Syracuse Police Department to assist motorists with disabled vehicles until those vehicles are safely removed from the roadway. Members should take appropriate action to mitigate potential problems when a vehicle constitutes a traffic hazard or the safety of the motorist is a concern.

505.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

Best Practice NYSLEAP- 8.7 - 47.6

When an on-duty member of this department sees a disabled vehicle on the roadway, the member should make a reasonable effort to provide assistance. If this is not reasonably possible, the 911 center dispatchers should be advised of the location of the disabled vehicle and the need for assistance. The 911 center dispatchers should then assign another department member to respond as soon as practicable.

505.4 ASSISTANCE

Best Practice

In most cases, a disabled motorist will require assistance. After arrangements for assistance are made, continued involvement by department members will be contingent on the time of day, the location, the availability of department resources and the vulnerability of the disabled motorist.

505.4.1 MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Best Practice

Department members shall not make mechanical repairs to a disabled vehicle. The use of push bumpers, with consent of the owner, to relocate vehicles to a position of safety is not considered a mechanical repair.

505.4.2 RELOCATION OF DISABLED VEHICLES

Best Practice

The relocation of disabled vehicles by members of this department by pushing or pulling a vehicle should only occur when the conditions reasonably indicate that immediate movement is necessary to reduce a hazard presented by the disabled vehicle.

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505.4.3 RELOCATION OF DISABLED MOTORIST

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The relocation of a disabled motorist should only occur with the person's consent and should be suggested when conditions reasonably indicate that immediate movement is necessary to mitigate a potential hazard. The department member may stay with the disabled motorist or transport him/her to a safe area to await pickup.