



Tulsa Police Department

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Policy Name Vehicle Abatement Orders

Approved Date 08/15/2003

Approved by *Wendell Franklin, Chief of Police*

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PURPOSE OF CHANGE:

To update the policy format.

POLICY:

The Tulsa Police Department will assist Neighborhood Inspection officers by standing by and keeping the peace during the removal of abandoned or junked vehicles that have been found to be a nuisance pursuant to 24 T.R.O. 300-304

SUMMARY: Procedures for assisting Neighborhood Inspection officers.

APPLIES TO: All police personnel

DEFINITIONS:

PRIVACY INTEREST – when the vehicle is in the backyard surrounded by a fence that is attached to a residence, or when a portion of a vehicle is in a garage.

PROCEDURES:

1. When radio assigned, officers will assist Neighborhood Inspection officers in the removal of the junked or abandoned vehicle by standing by and keeping the peace.
2. If the owner or tenant resists removal, officers will contact a supervisor.
3. Supervisors may attempt to obtain consent. If supervisors believe the risk to personal safety outweighs the need to remove the vehicle they may decline to assist Neighborhood Inspection officers in removal of the vehicle.

REGULATIONS:

1. An Order of Abatement shall only be served during daylight hours.
2. Officers shall not assist in the removal of a junked vehicle from private property where the owner has established a privacy interest, or its removal would damage private property, unless all persons who have an interest in the property consent. Officers shall not assist in the removal when there is a risk to personal safety.

REFERENCES:

24 T.R.O. 300-304