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	<b>EMERGENCY/ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT</b>		EFFECTIVE DATE <b>03/21/07</b>
			OVERSIGHT <b>Operations</b>
DISTRIBUTION <b>ALL MANUALS</b>	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P # 1143 dated 04/08/03 and Ch. Dir. 1143.1 dated 10/15/03.		

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance to officers on maintaining equipment needed to respond to and investigate accidents or other emergencies.

II. POLICY:

Officers of the Hampton Police Division are responsible for maintaining their equipment and supplies in a state of operational readiness. This applies to equipment and materials which are issued, assigned and provided (e.g., proper reports, forms, etc.) to include items maintained in fleet and take-home cars. This will ensure that officers are capable of providing those services which are consistent with emergency law enforcement objectives and the needs of the community.

III. PROCEDURE:

A. The tasks of the police officer in accident and emergency situations is to:

1. Stabilize the scene
  - a. Providing and/or requesting rescue, medical or other necessary assistance.
  - b. Controlling and directing traffic in order to prevent further damage or injury and expedite the movement of traffic.
2. Investigate
  - a. Conduct appropriate accident investigation duties.
  - b. In those circumstances where a more intensive investigation of the accident is required the officer may request support and specialized assistance from other Units within the Division.
3. Restore the situation or scene to a safe and normal state or condition as quickly as possible.

APPROVED:  
CHIEF OF POLICE



- B. To accomplish these objectives, officers will be provided with the following:
1. Patrol officers will be issued reflectorized safety vests which are to be used in accordance with existing policy and procedure.
  2. Officers are responsible for ensuring that their assigned patrol vehicles are equipped with an adequate number of flares (minimum of twelve).
  3. Patrol vehicles will be equipped with:
    - a. First Aid kits of a type approved by the Department of Transportation for use in vehicles and will contain assorted bandages, compresses, and band aids.
    - b. Two (2) blankets in a suitable container.
    - c. Fire extinguisher with full charge.
    - d. Infection Control Kit.
    - e. Sharp knife.
  4. All items are considered as part of the vehicle with accountability attached to the vehicle operator.
  5. Replenishment of the above supplies will be accomplished through the Property & Evidence Unit. Property & Evidence will maintain an adequate supply of these items on hand at all times.
  6. Officers shall maintain an adequate supply of necessary reports and forms to properly perform their required duties.
  7. Officers that will be conducting fatal traffic investigations will have access to a fatality accident investigation kit containing:
    - a. Clipboard
    - b. 100 and 300 foot measuring tapes
    - c. Marking crayon/chalk
    - d. An accident investigation template
    - e. Spray paint
    - g. Lumber Crayons
    - h. Marking nails
    - i. 4 pound hammer
    - j. Surveyor's flags



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