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Personnel Training and Safety - Vehicle Safety

Guideline Statement

Animal Control Officers should receive driver safety training appropriate to their profession and be provided vehicles equipped with appropriate safety equipment and lighting.

Basis for Guideline

Animal Control Officers should be familiar with the vehicles that they operate on a daily basis. Animal Control vehicles have certain characteristics that present unique operational limitations relating to vehicle safety.

Guideline Recommendation

Animal Control Officers should be provided with defensive driving training using animal transport vehicles that they will be operating on patrol. Special emphasis should be given to backing and turning as well as slow operation of vehicles following animals in residential settings. In addition, Animal Control Officers should receive training regarding general maintenance requirements in order to spot potential safety hazards.

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The foregoing Guideline has been affirmed as duly adopted by the NACA Board of Directors.

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