

Disabled Vehicles

505.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has adopted this policy regarding providing assistance to motorists in disabled vehicles within this organization's jurisdiction.

505.2 DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

When an on-duty deputy observes a disabled vehicle, the deputy should make a reasonable effort to provide assistance. If that deputy is assigned to a call of higher priority, the dispatcher should be advised of the location of the disabled vehicle and the need for assistance. The dispatcher should then assign another available deputy or other agency member to respond as soon as practicable.

505.3 EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE

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

505.3.1 MECHANICAL REPAIRS

Agency personnel shall not make mechanical repairs to a disabled vehicle. The use of push bumpers to relocate vehicles to a position of safety or changing a tire is not considered a mechanical repair.

505.3.2 RELOCATION OF DISABLED VEHICLES

The relocation of disabled vehicles by members of this agency 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.

Absent emergency or exigency circumstances, vehicles on the freeway system should be removed after two hours.