

SPECIAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Title	Nightlife Critical Incident Response Vehicles
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I. BACKGROUND

In 2013, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) established the Nightlife Unit and deployed officers in selected nightlife areas across the city. Nightlife Unit officers are trained on how to handle and deescalate incidents in the city's entertainment areas. In order to rapidly deploy specialized equipment to the scene of critical incidents in nightlife areas, the MPD purchased five Nightlife Critical Incident Response Vehicles (N-CIRVs). N-CIRVs are designed to provide critical resources to the scene of nightlife incidents in a timely manner that may not otherwise be immediately available.

II. DEFINITIONS

When used in this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated:

1. Critical incident – active incidents that include an ongoing threat of violence or loss of life.
2. Nightlife critical incident response vehicles (NCIRVs) – specially equipped vans typically deployed on the evening and midnight shifts. The primary functions of the N-CIRVs are to quickly deploy specialized equipment and resources to members on the scene of a critical

incident. N-CIRVs can be pre-deployed to special events and mass gatherings.

III. REGULATIONS

- A. N-CIRVs shall be operated by Nightlife Unit members in nightlife areas unless otherwise authorized by their district commander.
- B. Nightlife Unit officials shall be responsible for the N-CIRV. These responsibilities shall include ensuring:
 - 1. A PD Form 775A (Weekly Vehicle Inspection Checklist) is completed; and
 - 2. All necessary maintenance is performed as required.
- C. Members who are assigned patrol rifles for the N-CIRV, shall ensure compliance with GO-RAR-901.01 (Handling of Service Weapons).

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Assignment
 - 1. Nightlife Unit officials shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the issuance of the N-CIRV keys each shift.
 - b. Secure the N-CIRV keys at the end of each shift.
 - c. Ensure a master key is stored with the District's vehicle maintenance officer (VMO).
- B. Deployment
 - 1. Nightlife Unit officials shall:
 - a. Ensure the N-CIRV is staffed and deployed on the evening and midnight shifts, seven days a week.
 - b. Ensure the N-CIRV is staffed by two members if staffing and details permit. In the event that an N-CIRV is staffed by one member (i.e., 10-99), the Nightlife Unit official shall designate a second member to assist during that shift in the event of an incident or to provide relief.
 - c. Notify the CIC when N-CIRVs are deployed.

- d. Ensure that N-CIRVs are only deployed into nightlife areas unless otherwise authorized by their district commander.

C. Operation

1. Members who operate N-CIRVs shall be in full uniform and shall be held accountable for the vehicle's care and operation to include:
 - a. The manner in which it is operated;
 - b. Conducting daily inspection of the vehicle and equipment and completing the equipment inspection and PD Form 775 (Daily Vehicle Inspection and Activity Report);
 - c. Maintaining the vehicle's cleanliness;
 - d. Monitoring their district's radio zone;
 - e. Safeguarding the vehicle and equipment assigned to it; and
 - f. Refueling the vehicle at the completion of their shift.
2. N-CIRVs may be used to transport prisoners.
3. When not in use, members shall park N-CIRVs at their district station where it shall be immediately available for deployment.

D. Gun Box

1. Members shall be aware that the N-CIRV gun boxes are for the storage of patrol rifles and ammunition only.
2. Nightlife Unit officials shall be responsible for issuing and collecting the key to the gun box for each shift. A second key to the gun box shall be available from the watch commander.
3. Nightlife Unit officials shall:
 - a. Ensure that at least one member assigned to the N-CIRV is patrol rifle certified.
 - b. Ensure the N-CIRV's gun box contains six patrol rifles when it is deployed.
4. When the N-CIRV is being operated with patrol rifles in the gun box:
 - a. When possible, a member shall be with the vehicle.

- b. When a member is not with the vehicle, then the member shall ensure the gun box is locked, the vehicle doors are locked, and the vehicle's alarm is turned on.
5. Patrol rifles that are stored in the vehicle during a shift must be removed at the conclusion of the shift and returned in accordance with GO-RAR-901.01.
6. Members shall ensure the gun box is empty when the N-CIRV is not deployed.

V. CROSS REFERENCES

- A. GO-RAR-901.01 (Handling of Service Weapons)



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