

## POLICY 39. GLOBAL POSITIONING SATELLITE BAIT VEHICLE PROGRAM

### A. Background

1. The apprehension of vehicle burglars and auto thieves is essential to the reduction of crime and recover stolen property. The Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) System Bait Vehicle Program was developed to aggressively combat auto theft and vehicle burglaries. The technology is designed to not only notify law enforcement of a burglary in progress and track the movement of the car to apprehend the suspect, but to do it as safely as possible. [REDACTED]

2. The tracking system for the GPS Bait Vehicle Program is monitored 24 hours a day via Satellite Security Systems Monitoring and Support Center (MSC). At the first signs of activity at a bait vehicle, the MSC alerts the Communication Center and keeps the Communication Center advised of the status of the vehicle. As directed by field units, the Communication Center dispatcher will [REDACTED]

### B. Communications Center procedure

1. Upon being alerted to activity at a bait vehicle, the Communications Center dispatcher will format an incident with the type code "10851GPS" and notify the watch commander.
2. The watch commander will monitor all GPS events.
3. The field supervisor and appropriate field units where the track initiated shall be notified.
4. The Communications Center dispatcher will stay on the line with the caller from the Satellite Security Command Center and relay up-to-date information received to the field units. [REDACTED]
5. If the bait vehicle enters another jurisdiction, the local station or agency will also be notified.
6. [REDACTED]

### C. Field unit procedure

1. When deputies receive an assignment to respond to a 10851 GPS activation, they will notify the dispatcher that they are responding as directed and will remain on their primary talk group unless otherwise directed.
2. Deputies will coordinate their efforts with field supervisors and provide the appropriate parties with their locations.
3. [REDACTED]
4. Once a deputy visually identifies the target vehicle and is in position to follow it, that deputy shall become the primary unit.
5. When the primary unit has a visual on the bait vehicle, that unit will be responsible for providing updated direction of travel.
6. The primary unit should attempt to confirm the identity of the bait vehicle and its occupants with information such as license plate number, vehicle description, and direction of travel, speed, etc., before initiating a stop.
7. The primary unit will initiate a High Risk Vehicle Stop following established Department procedures.
8. The primary unit will coordinate with other involved units [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED]
10. The primary unit will be responsible for ensuring that all reports, including the auto theft/recovery report, are thoroughly and correctly completed.

D. Field supervisor's responsibilities

1. A field supervisor will be assigned each 10851GPS call and be responsible for active supervision of the incident.
2. The field supervisor shall tactically coordinate units as necessary to ensure a safe and successful incident. This includes coordinating the number of units assigned to the call and determining if additional resources should be utilized.

3. The field supervisor shall monitor the 10851GPS call to ensure that all Department policies and procedures are followed, including High Risk Vehicle Stop, Pursuit Procedures and Emergency Vehicle Operations.
4. The field supervisor shall proceed to the termination point of the stop to provide supervision at the scene. The field supervisor shall ensure that the 10851GPS procedures and equipment are not discussed in the presence of suspects, media and/or the general public.

E. Program coordinator's responsibilities

1. The station captain shall be responsible for the control and use of all 10851 GPS vehicles assigned to his/her command.
2. The station captain shall appoint a program coordinator for the GPS Bait Vehicle Program at their command.
3. The program coordinator will assist in the delivery, setup, and programming of the bait vehicles.
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. The program coordinator will provide refresher training in the use of GPS bait vehicles, tracking techniques, tactics and officer safety issues.
7. The program coordinator will review all reports associated with 10851GPS calls. It is his/her responsibility to make recommendations to the station captain that would improve the program.
8. The program coordinator will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of GPS bait vehicles assigned to the command.
9. Patrol supervisors may make a request to the program coordinator to have a GPS bait vehicle placed in a specific location. The program coordinator will approve such requests based upon priorities. Beats with high incidents of auto theft and vehicle burglaries will be given priority.

F. Bait vehicle training

1. All field deputies shall receive line-up training regarding the use of the GPS bait vehicles and the related policy and procedures.