

**Lower Providence Township Police Department
Eagleville, Pennsylvania**

General Order ☒
Special Order ☐
Personnel Order ☐

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706

Subject

Motor Vehicle Inventories

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Michael Jackson, Chief of Police

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Distribution

- 1. General Order Manuals**
- 2. Records Manual**
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I PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with guidelines for determining when and how a motor vehicle inventory should be conducted.

II POLICY

It is the policy of the Lower Providence Township Police Department that motor vehicles that have been ordered to be impounded shall not be subjected to inventory searches.

III DEFINITIONS

- A. Motor Vehicle - A vehicle which is self-propelled, except one which is propelled solely by human power or by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated on rails.
- B. Motor Vehicle Impound - A police officer's taking of a motor vehicle into physical custody for the purpose of storage and safekeeping until it can be properly released.
- C. Motor Vehicle Inventory - A procedure where impounded vehicles are examined and their contents determined and listed.

IV REGULATION

- A. A police officer that orders a vehicle to be impounded in conformance with the law and the provisions of these General Orders shall not conduct or cause to be conducted any inventory search of the contents of the vehicle prior to its removal from the point from which it is towed or removed by the designated tow operator.
- B. Any search of the vehicle and its contents shall be made in conformance with existing Constitutional parameters and the provisions of these General Orders.

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