



IP72

**VEHICLE DISABLING
(TIRE & EXHAUST DEVICES)**

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, regarding the use of vehicle disabling devices (devices) to prevent or impair the movement of vehicles operated by persons to be arrested.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide members with direction in the safe and effective use of vehicle disabling devices.

RELATED POLICIES

- IP71 – Roadblocks
- IP73 – Unoccupied Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- IR11 – Police Vehicle Pursuits

PROCEDURES

General

3. Members may only disable vehicles using a device approved by the Chief Constable (currently approved: ‘Stop Stick,’ ‘MagnumSpike,’ ‘XHAUSTR’), and if trained in its use and with supervisor approval.



4. Supervisors may only approve use of a device if:
 - a) there are reasonable grounds to believe an occupant of the vehicle has committed an arrestable offence;
 - b) there is a substantiated concern that allowing the vehicle to move or continue to move may pose a serious risk to the vehicle occupants or other persons;
 - c) there are no safer alternative means of stopping the vehicle or apprehending the person; and
 - d) having considered the surrounding circumstances (e.g., proximity of persons, vehicle and pedestrian traffic, road and weather conditions).

5. In their report regarding the incident, members shall document:
 - a) the device used;
 - b) the rationale for doing so;
 - c) the authorizing supervisor; and
 - d) any resultant damage to other vehicles or property.

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