

72-Hour Parking Violations

507.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Discretionary MODIFIED

This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the Office of Protective Services (OPS) - Department of State Hospitals (DSH) State Ordinance regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code sections 22652.6 and 22669.

507.2 MARKING VEHICLES

Best Practice MODIFIED

Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the DSH 72-Hour Parking Ordinance shall be marked and noted on the OPS Marked Vehicle Card. No case number is required at this time.

A visible chalk mark should be placed on the left rear tire tread at the fender level unless missing tires or other vehicle conditions prevent marking. Any deviation in markings shall be noted on the Marked Vehicle Card. The investigating employee should make a good faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

All Marked Vehicle Cards shall be submitted to the Communication Center for computer data entry.

If a marked vehicle has been moved or the markings have been removed during a 72-hour investigation period, the vehicle shall be marked again for the 72-hour parking violation and a Marked Vehicle Card completed and forwarded to the Communication Center.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance shall not be issued when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation.

507.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FILE

Discretionary MODIFIED

Records shall be responsible for maintaining a file for all Marked Vehicle Cards.

Patrol officers shall be responsible for the follow up investigation of all 72-hour parking violations noted on the Marked Vehicle Cards.

507.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

State MODIFIED

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

The storage report form shall be submitted to the Communication Center immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Communication Center to immediately notify the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) of the Department of Justice in Sacramento (Veh. Code §

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22851.3(b)). Notification may also be made to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)(Veh. Code§ 22854.5).

Within 48 hours of the storage of any such vehicle, excluding weekends and holidays, it shall be the responsibility of Records to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice to all such individuals shall be sent first-class or certified mail pursuant to Vehicle Code section 22851.3, subdivision (d).

Once entered into the stolen vehicle system, a copy of the CHP 180 form will be maintained by the Watch Commander, in the event the vehicle is to be released after normal business hours.