GENERAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: Lojack © Stolen Vehicle Detection System

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the use of the Lojack © Vehicle Detection System installed in marked patrol vehicles.

II. DISCUSSION

Motor vehicle theft is among the most potentially hazardous and disruptive crimes that can affect members of the campus community. Traditional patrols and crime prevention programming are significantly augmented when coupled with newest investigative devices, particularly those that can be implemented immediately for campus-related vehicle thefts, and remain at a ready status for vehicles stolen from other jurisdictions.

III. POLICY

It shall be this Department's policy that officers will utilize mobile Lojack equipment when installed in patrol vehicles. The use of the equipment will be for the purposes of locating, identifying and recovering previously stolen vehicles, and when possible, apprehend persons suspected of motor vehicle theft.

IV. OBJECTIVES

It is intended that each mobile Lojack © system will be used to:
   x Serve as a deterrent to future vehicle theft suspects.
   x Locate previously reported stolen vehicles.
   x Apprehend persons suspected of motor vehicle theft.
   x Significantly reduce the opportunities for ancillary crime by persons using stolen vehicles.

V. TRAINING

All officers will receive training in the proper use of mobile equipment and dispatch/station reporting protocols. This training will include the following:
   x The mechanical functions of the system.

  x Methods and techniques of maximizing the system's effectiveness in criminal prosecution.

  x Communicating and assigning continuing or progress investigations of suspected stolen vehicles.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES:

 (a) Police Officer

  (1) When a field activation occurs on a field unit, indicating the presence of a possible stolen vehicle, the officer will notify dispatch of:

   a. The officer's direction of travel

   b. Signal strength

   c.