



# Departmental Memorandum

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*To: All Uniformed Personnel*

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## **Patrol Utility Vehicle (UV) Hi-Lo Warning Sound**

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The purpose of this departmental memorandum is to establish procedures for the use of the Hi-Lo warning sound available with patrol vehicles manufactured in 2025 or later. The Hi-Lo warning sound is similar to first responder sirens used in European countries. The Hi-Lo warning sound is included in upcoming models of the patrol UV's to be in accordance with other public safety agencies and is intended to notify the public of large-scale evacuations related to natural disasters or other widespread public safety hazards.

Vehicle Code § 27002(c) states, "a Hi-Lo warning sound may only be used to notify the public of an immediate evacuation in case of an emergency and is not a siren." The Hi-Lo warning sound shall only be utilized when everyone within hearing range is the intended audience. Only a sergeant or higher authority may authorize the use of the Hi-Lo warning sound. The Hi-Lo warning sound is not an authorized Code 3 siren tone and shall only be utilized in accordance with this departmental memorandum.

This memorandum expires upon the publication of a revision of General Order 420.01 (Use of Police Vehicles), last updated on 06-26-2008.