



San Andreas State Police

NATURAL RESOURCES

Standard Operating Procedures

Division Commander:

Captain

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TACTICAL OPERATIONS

Title: Natural Resources Division

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.01 Purpose

To establish the Natural Resources Division and delegate to the division commander the responsibility of establishing and maintaining the standard operating procedures, and outlining the responsibilities of the Natural Resources Division.

.02 Policy

The Commander of the Natural Resources Division holds the responsibility of establishing and maintaining the divisional standard operating procedures.

.03 Mission Statement

The mission of the San Andreas State Police Natural Resources Division is to protect and conserve the state's fish and wildlife resources, state parks, and provide search and rescue operations where needed.

.04 Primary Responsibility and Jurisdiction

The Natural Resources Division is available for:

- A. Patrol and law enforcement services;
- B. Search and Rescue;
- C. Waterborne surveillance and law enforcement;
- D. Fish and wildlife law enforcement;
- E. Grant Fishing and Hunting Licenses;
- F. Other Special events directed by the Office of the Superintendent.



WILDLIFE DIVISION REGULATIONS

- 1) Members must be in possession of and maintain all equipment that they are assigned.
- 2) Members must follow all standard operating procedures, state police regulations and respective Wildlife division standards.
- 3) Members must follow the chain of command as described by policy.
- 4) Members must follow vehicle structure as described by policy.
- 5) Members must also follow uniform structures as described by policy.
- 6) SASP Wildlife Division is a full time division within SASP and should be treated as such. Your take home vehicle will be a wildlife vehicle and you should be patrolling as a wildlife officer unless taking part in a subdivision (SRT, HEAT, CVE, ETC).
- 7) Wildlife Troopers are required to follow the uniform guidelines as outlined within this SOP.
- 8) Trooper vehicles should be equipped with the following items
 - a. Scuba Gear
 - b. Binoculars
 - c. Evidence Bags (Minimum of 50)
 - d. Gun Rack (Carbine stored)



WILDLIFE DIVISION EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Members are expected to conduct their duties responsibly and courteously.
- 2) Members are expected to be passionate about protecting San Andreas natural resources and its wildlife.
- 3) Members are expected to conduct their duties efficiently as described in policy and operating procedures.
- 4) Members are expected to provide assistance to residents and tourists venturing the state's parks and wildlife regions.
- 5) Members are expected to act with due diligence and respect.
- 6) Members will be expected to complete all training to become Marine, Air, and Search and Rescue certified within 90 days.



	Cadet	Trooper	Trooper First Class	Corporal	Sergeant	Master Sergeant	Lieutenant	Captain	Major	Colonel / Lt. Colonel
Stainer (Sedan)	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Fugitive (Sedan)	**Out of Rank**	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Torrence (Sedan)	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Buffalo (Sedan)	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Vapid Scout (SUV)	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Alamo (SUV)	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Sandstorm Hellenbach (Truck)	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Sandstorm 2 (Truck)	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/Marked*	LB / Marked / Ghosed	LB / Marked / Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Yosemite (Truck)	**Out of Rank**	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB* / Marked*	LB/Marked*	LB / Marked / Ghosed	LB / Marked / Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Terminus (Jeep)	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	**Out of Rank**	LB* / Marked*	LB/ST/Marked*	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST / Marked / Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed	LB / ST Marked/Unmarked/Ghosed
Notes:	The ranks of Cadet/Troop/TFC/Corp. <i>MUST</i> operate a MARKED cruiser AND a LB at all times. Sgt. may operate a ST but <i>MUST</i> be MARKED. Lt. may operate GHOSTED. Capt.+ may operate UNMARKED.									

Members are expected to follow the vehicle structure at all times.

The department is currently working with an outside vendor to install liveries on Wildlife SUV's. Until these liveries are prepared you are authorized to drive any SUV's in your assigned structure unmarked (Green Paint).

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RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENTS

WILDLIFE TROOPERS:

- 1) Troopers must not have had disciplinary action within 30 days of applying for the Wildlife Division.
- 2) Troopers must have been a member of the San Andreas State Police for 30 days and have passed their probationary training.

These requirements are subject to change at any time within the commander's approval

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Certifications:

Marine Unit Certification

1. Purpose

This SOP establishes the policies and procedures governing the use of the SASP Wildlife Division's Marine Units. These vessels are designed to provide safe and effective enforcement of boating, fishing, and wildlife laws within the waterways of San Andreas, as well as to support

2. Authorization & Scope

- Only SASP Wildlife Division personnel trained and certified in boat operations may operate Marine Unit vessels.
- Marine Units may only be deployed for wildlife enforcement, boating safety, and SAR missions.
- Routine use outside of official duties is strictly prohibited.
- Use may extend to multi-agency responses (e.g., Coast Guard, Fire/Rescue) when approved by Wildlife Division Command.

3. Vessel Operation

- Operators must complete a pre-deployment inspection before launch:
 - Fuel and oil levels.
 - Navigation and safety lights.
 - Emergency gear (flares, radios, fire extinguisher, life vests).
 - Anchors and ropes.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for all officers and passengers on board.

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- Operators must obey all state and federal boating regulations, including speed limits, wake restrictions, and navigation rules.
- Reckless or unsafe operation is strictly prohibited.

4. Speed Restrictions

- Marine Units must operate at speeds appropriate to conditions, weather, and visibility.
- No-Wake Zones: Operators must adhere to posted restrictions in marinas, docks, swimming zones, and congested waterways.
- Patrol/Enforcement Mode: Vessels may exceed normal speeds only when actively responding to emergencies or SAR calls.
- Night Operations: Reduced speed must be maintained to ensure safety and visibility.

5. Deployment Guidelines

5.1 Patrol Deployment

- Marine Units will patrol:
 - State lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and coastal areas.
 - Popular boating and fishing areas.
 - Designated hunting zones during waterfowl season.
- Patrols focus on visibility, boater education, and law enforcement presence.

5.2 Enforcement Operations

- Marine Units may be deployed to:
 - Conduct boating safety checks (licenses, equipment, registration).
 - Enforce fishing and wildlife laws on waterways.
 - Address reckless or impaired boating.
 - Intercept and prevent unlawful hunting/fishing by water access.
- Marine pursuits must be carefully evaluated for safety, weather, and vessel type.

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5.3 Search & Rescue (SAR)

- Marine Units are authorized for waterborne SAR missions, including:
 - Recovery of stranded, capsized, or overdue vessels.
 - Locating missing persons in water environments.
 - Supporting Fire/EMS in medical emergencies.
- Operators must coordinate with allied agencies (Coast Guard, local fire, or rescue units).

5.4 Environmental & Wildlife Safety

- Operators shall avoid excessive disturbance to wildlife and habitats.
- Idle/no-wake operation is required near nesting areas, shallow zones, and conservation sites.
- Vessels must not cause unnecessary shoreline erosion or damage to vegetation.

6. Pursuit Policy

- Marine pursuits are restricted due to safety concerns.
- Pursuits may be initiated only when:
 - A serious felony crime has occurred or is in progress.
 - Lives are at immediate risk.
- All other violations (boating infractions, fishing violations) should be handled through observation, documentation, and coordination rather than direct pursuit.
- Pursuit decisions must balance risk to public safety vs. necessity of apprehension.

7. Maintenance & Storage

- After each use, vessels must be:
 - Flushed (if saltwater), refueled, and cleaned.
 - Inspected for mechanical or structural issues.

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- Safety gear (life jackets, radios, flares) must be inventoried and replaced if missing or expired.
- Marine Units must be stored on designated trailers, secured, and logged after deployment.

8. Training Requirements

- Only Wildlife officers who have completed SASP Marine Operator Certification may operate vessels.
- Training shall include:
 - Basic seamanship and navigation.
 - Boating law and enforcement.
 - Emergency rescue and recovery operations.
 - Vessel towing, docking, and trailer launch/recovery.
- Annual refresher training and practical qualification are required.

9. Accountability

- Operators are responsible for the proper care, safe operation, and lawful use of Marine Units.
- Unauthorized or negligent use may result in disciplinary action and loss of operator privileges.
- All deployments must be logged in the Wildlife Division Marine Operations Log.

Search and Rescue

As a Wildlife Officer you will be able to be certified in Search and Rescue. To get certified you must go through a separate training to get your certification. The training will consist of hands-on training. You will learn how to operate as Search and Rescue.



Air Operations

As a Wildlife Officer you will have the ability to be certified for Air Operations. To be certified you must go through a separate training to get your certification. The training will consist of hands-on training. You will learn how to operate in Air Operations. Being Air Operations certified will also give you the ability to assist when requested by ground units to assist in any kind of pursuit or missing persons / vehicles.

ATV

1. Purpose

This SOP establishes comprehensive guidelines for the authorized use, deployment, and care of the Wildlife Division's Side by Side (UTV), All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), and trailer. These vehicles are specialized assets intended exclusively for Wildlife Division operations. Their mission is to provide off-road mobility for:

- Enforcement of state wildlife, fishing, and hunting laws.
- Patrol of state parks, forests, and designated wildlife areas.
- Search and rescue in rugged terrain.
- Conservation and public safety operations in natural environments.

2. Authorization & Scope

- Only Wildlife Division sworn personnel trained and certified may operate the UTV, ATVs, or trailer.
- Vehicles shall not be used for general highway patrol, city patrol, or non-wildlife duties.
- Exceptions may only be authorized by Wildlife Division Command during declared emergencies or multi-agency operations.

3. General Operation Rules



- A pre-trip inspection must be performed before each deployment, including tires, fluids, brakes, lights, trailer hitch, and safety equipment.
- PPE is mandatory:
 - Helmets when operating ATVs or UTV off-road.
 - Eye protection, gloves, and boots.
 - Seatbelts in the Side by Side must be worn at all times.
- Operators must drive cautiously to prevent injury to themselves, the public, and wildlife.
- No unauthorized passengers are permitted in Wildlife Division vehicles or trailer.

4. Speed Restrictions

- UTV/ATV Independent Use: Operate at a safe and reasonable speed for the terrain, conditions, and visibility. Reckless driving is prohibited.
- Trailer Towing: Maximum speed is 70 MPH. This applies under all conditions and cannot be exceeded.
- Reduced speeds are required:
 - On gravel, dirt, or uneven surfaces.
 - When hauling heavy cargo or equipment.
 - In high wildlife activity zones.

5. Trailer Operations

- Only designated Wildlife patrol trucks with proper towing equipment may haul the trailer.
- Required hookup procedure:
 - Hitch lock/pin secured.
 - Safety chains crossed under the hitch.

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- Brake and turn signals tested.
- ATVs/UTV must be strapped with ratchet straps at all four corners.
- Cargo/equipment must be balanced to prevent sway.
- Spotters should be used when backing in tight or congested areas.
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6. Deployment Guidelines

6.1 Patrol Deployment

- ATVs and UTVs may be used in:
 - State/national parks.
 - Hunting zones during open/closed seasons.
 - Fishing locations and water access points.
 - Forest and off-road trails.
- Deployment should focus on visibility and community presence while minimizing disruption to wildlife.

6.2 Enforcement Operations

- Vehicles may be deployed to:
 - Conduct checks of hunting/fishing licenses.
 - Monitor illegal off-road activity.
 - Support interdiction of poaching and unlawful harvesting.
 - Access remote sites inaccessible by standard patrol cars.
- UTVs and ATVs may not be used to initiate or engage in vehicular pursuits on roadways.

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6.3 Search & Rescue

- UTVs and ATVs may be deployed for SAR missions when rugged or remote terrain prevents access by patrol vehicles.
- Operators must prioritize victim safety, proper medical transport methods, and coordinate with other SAR agencies.

6.4 Environmental & Wildlife Safety

- Operators must avoid unnecessarily disturbing wildlife populations.
- Lights and sirens should be minimized when in wildlife-heavy areas unless mission critical.
- Vehicles must not cause unnecessary damage to vegetation, water sources, or protected habitats.

7. Pursuit Policy

- UTVs and ATVs are not authorized for standard vehicle pursuits.
- They may support pursuits when suspects flee on foot into rugged terrain.
- Deployment must be proportional, and operators must weigh risk to officers, suspects, the public, and wildlife before use.

8. Maintenance

- Vehicles and trailer must be:
 - Cleaned, fueled, and inspected after each deployment.
 - Inspected monthly for service needs (trailer bearings, hitch, tires, lights).
- Any mechanical issue or damage must be reported to Fleet Services and logged in the Wildlife Division's equipment records.

9. Training Requirements

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- Only Wildlife Division personnel who have completed SASP Wildlife ATV/UTV Operator Training may operate these vehicles.
 - Training must cover:
 - Safe off-road driving.
 - Loading/unloading procedures.
 - Trailer towing.
 - Environmental and wildlife impact awareness.
 - Annual refresher training is mandatory.
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10. Accountability

- Operators are responsible for safe, lawful, and professional use of Wildlife Division equipment.
- Unauthorized use, reckless driving, or misuse outside Wildlife operations will result in disciplinary action, up to and including loss of operating privileges.
- All deployments must be logged in the Wildlife Division Equipment Tracking System.

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CHAIN OF COMMAND

The chain of command is incredibly important for the Wildlife division and its troopers.

Wildlife Commander (Captain)
Wildlife Lieutenant
Wildlife Sergeant
Wildlife Corporal(s) (Supervisors)
Wildlife Troopers

note if is needed and is important you may jump the chain of command (supervisor report)

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Hunting/Fishing Map

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PATROL POLICY

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- 1) Regular Patrol will take priority but you will be available for any wildlife calls.
- 2) DO NOT stay only on Cayo Perico island. This can be patrolled occasionally during your normal patrol.
- 3) If you are patrolling a wildlife area and you hear a call nearby for an additional unit, you must break off and go to that assistance call.
- 4) No more than two wildlife officers on a boat.

EQUIPMENT POLICY

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Wildlife Troopers:

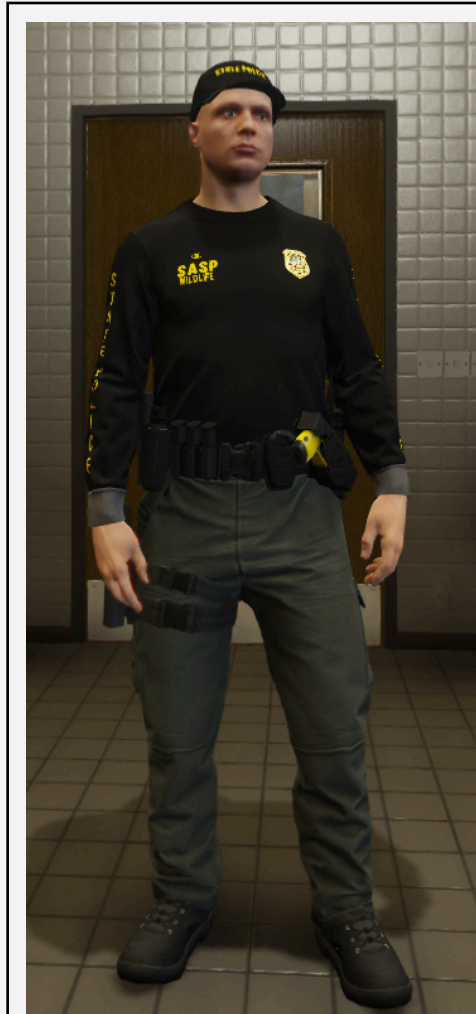
- 1) Police issued Pistol
- 2) Police issued Stun Gun
- 3) Police issued Carbine Rifle
- 4) Police issued Flashlight
- 5) Police issued Baton
- 6) Bandages
- 7) Binoculars
- 8) Flares
- 9) Life Jacket
- 10) Reflective Vest
- 11) Hand Held Radio
- 12) Scuba Tank
- 13) Parachute

UNIFORM POLICY

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1. Members may wear the police ball cap versus the campaign hat.
2. Members will be required to wear a vest at all times unless on boat patrol, a life vest is acceptable.
3. Members will be required to wear the essential equipment on their duty belts.
 - All other equipment will be stored in their vehicle.



Hat	203, 4
Arms	4,0
Undershirt	221,1

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Jacket/Tops	538,10
Pants	79,0
Shoes	63,0
Vest	128,1
Neck	20,0
Bag	140,0

Woods/Rural Patrol

Maritime

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CONCLUSION

The wildlife division is a very prestigious and rewarding career path in the San Andreas State Police. Wildlife troopers are held in high regard for their expertise and vast knowledge in wildlife law, animals and wildlife and the natural resources of the state.

"With Honor and Integrity, We Serve"

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