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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 post-event 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:

- Serve as a deterrent to future vehicle theft suspects.
- Locate previously reported stolen vehicles.
- Apprehend persons suspected of motor vehicle theft.
- 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:

- The mechanical functions of the system.

- Methods and techniques of maximizing the system's effectiveness in criminal prosecution.
- Communicating and assigning continuing or in-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. The identification number of the stolen vehicle
 - d. Availability of additional CSULB police officers to begin responding to the area in preparation for confirmation and high-risk stop procedures
- (2) If the activation allows for the officer to make an immediate determination of the suspected stolen vehicle, the officer will initiate the coordination of supporting units for high-risk stop procedures.

(b) Dispatch

- (1) When an officer reports a field activation of a Lojack © instrument, the dispatcher will:
 - a. Obtain the identification number of the target vehicle, and confirm the make, model and other distinctive features of the stolen vehicle via Stolen Vehicle Network systems
 - b. Upon receipt of the check via SVS, report to the investigating officer of the identifying characteristics of the vehicle.
 - c. Notify the watch commander

(c) Watch Commander

- (1) Upon confirming all relevant data, shall assist in the coordination of high-risk stop procedures.
- (2) Should the vehicle make an overt attempt to elude the officer, monitor the progress of the pursuit and if necessary
 - a. Request the assistance of other jurisdictions
 - b. Cancel the pursuit because of prohibitive conditions

(d) Maintenance

- (1) The Department Information Manager shall oversee all necessary maintenance and servicing of the in-car Lojack © equipment. Reports of any malfunctioning component shall be reported to the Field Services Division Commander repair.

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