



Office Of The Sheriff
Allegany County
Maryland

GENERAL ORDER NO: **2-300.00**

TO: All Patrol and Judicial Personnel

RE: **ATV (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES) usage**

PURPOSE: To establish standard procedures for the safe and efficient use of departments ATV (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES)

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2005

REVISION DATE: 3/1/2016

2-301.00 Use and Function of Departmental ATV (All Terrain Vehicles)

.01 The Allegany County Sheriff's Office may utilize ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) in its daily operation. The use of this equipment will be for numerous events and safety guides applied. The following is a list of purposes for these vehicles:

- A. County Fairgrounds
- B. Search and Rescue Operations
- C. Special Events
- D. Emergency Situations

- .02 Allegany County Fairgrounds
 - A. Patrol the area of the fairgrounds allowing quicker response to calls for service.
- .03 SRT Operations
 - A. Movement of personnel and equipment in special circumstances.
 - 1. SRT coordinator, Sheriff or Supervisor will permit usage for these events.
- .04 Search and Rescue Operations
 - A. ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) will be utilized for search of lost individuals in rough terrain.
- .05 Any other event, incident or request in which the use of an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) may be needed.
 - A. In these incidents, the request will be granted by the Sheriff, supervisor or designated representative.

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2-302.00 Operation of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles)

- .01 Deputies must complete an approved training course prior to the use of any Departmental ATV (All Terrain Vehicle).
 - 1. This training will first be approved by the Sheriff.
- .02 The ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) will not be used as a pursuit vehicle.
- .03 It will be operated at a speed that is consistent with the safety of the operator and general public for the specific event that it is being used for at the time.
- .04 Maintenance will be done on a regular schedule.
 - A. The operator of any Departmental ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) will inspect the vehicle before and after it has been utilized.

1. This inspection will include the following:
 - a. Check gas level
 - b. Check Oil Level
 - c. Check tires and tire pressure
 - d. Test Brakes
 - e. Check all lights, headlight, brake, and emergency
 - f. A cursory check of the vehicle for any damage or worn parts
2. Any problems located during the inspection will be reported to the Sheriff or Shift Supervisor.

2-303.00 Maintenance

- .01 All ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) will be placed on a scheduled maintenance.

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