



**Las Cruces Police Department  
GENERAL ORDERS  
FIELD OPERATIONS VOLUME 2  
GO-229 ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES  
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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines for the operation, maintenance and storage of all terrain vehicles (ATV).

**POLICY**

It is the policy of the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) to use ATVs as needed to accomplish the department's mission.

**APPLICABILITY**

This General Order applies to officers certified to operate ATVs. This General Order supersedes all previous versions.

**REFERENCES**

- NMML OPR.01.08
- General Order 118 Fleet Crashes

**229.01 PROCEDURES**

- A. Authorized ATV operators must complete a basic ATV Operators Course accredited by the NM Department of Public Safety.
- B. The Deputy Chief of Operations or his/her designee shall ensure that the ATVs are maintained in operational readiness and that ATV operators are properly trained.
- C. ATVs may be called out to assist in open areas when the use of a traditional vehicle or entering on foot would be impractical.
- D. ATVs shall be inspected prior to usage for operability and damage. Any deficiencies shall be noted and submitted for repair.
- E. Crashes involving ATVs shall be handled in accordance to General Order 118 Fleet Crashes.
- F. ATVs operators shall wear a helmet while the vehicle is in operation. Operators should wear long sleeves, long trousers, and protective pads if they are available.