



MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Jump Packs and Similar Tools*

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216 Slim Jims, Jumper Cables, and Similar Tools

216-A Slim Jims, Jumper Cables, and Similar Tools

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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the use of Vehicle Unlocking Devices, Jump Packs, and Similar Tools.

PROCEDURE

1. The Myrtle Beach Police Department generally *does not* provide services involving the use of Vehicle Unlocking Devices, Jumper Cables, or other similar type tools on a routine basis. The Myrtle Beach Police Department may use jumper cables or jump packs to start vehicles. Only department issued Jumper Cables or Jump Packs will be used to help start a vehicle, pursuant to this regulation. Community service officers or patrol officers operating vehicles equipped with quick connect jumper cable kits, as well as conventional type Jumper Cables, or Jump Packs are permissible for use.
 - A. Under ordinary circumstances, when a complainant contacts the Police Department and requests assistance in gaining entry to a locked vehicle or starting a vehicle, the complainant will be advised that we generally do not provide that type of service, except in emergency situations. An emergency situation is defined as a situation, which if not promptly addressed, could result in the loss of life, or serious personal injury to a person or animal (pet).
 - B. The Communications personnel will first offer assistance to the caller in the form of aiding the complainant in locating and/or

contacting a representative of a business in the area specializing in the type of service needed.

C. Employees of this department will not recommend or suggest one business over another.

2. Patrol Officers who drive up on a situation where a request for assistance is made, or they are dispatched to a call for service and they have the tools available and the ability to provide this assistance, may proceed in assisting the citizen. Those officers not in a position to provide this service may render reasonable assistance to help the individual in contacting a private business or individual for this service.
3. Any employee involved in the use of vehicle unlocking devices, jumper cables, jump packs, or similar type tools will advise the complainant prior to any action being taken that the officer and/or the Myrtle Beach Police Department will not be responsible for damages resulting from the use of the tool(s), and will record this notice on their body worn camera.
4. Those employees not proficient in the use of vehicle unlocking devices, jumper cables, jump packs or similar type tools will not be required to use the tools. This also applies to any employee who feels that the use of the tool(s), could result in injury or damage to persons or property. Officer and citizen safety is the priority.