



# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE SUPPORT OPERATIONS RWC GROUP

**NUMBER:** 2.0  
**TITLE:** LIFESAVING VEHICLE USAGE in Sydney Branch  
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**Purpose** To provide a minimum standard policy that applies to Duty Officers, Rescue Coordinators, and authorised personal who drive the Sydney Branch LIFESAVING VEHICLE.

This Policy will work in conjunction with SLNSW standard Operating Procedures **LS5.1 LIFESAVING VEHICLES (4WD)**.

LIFESAVING VEHICLES are defined as motor vehicles (excluding ATV) that are used for Lifesaving operations – Emergency use

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**Pre-Requisites**

- Vehicle Induction specific for that vehicle.
- NSW Drivers Licence.
- Sydney Branch Duty Office or Rescue Coordinator.
- Any Driver approved by the Director of Lifesaving and Education(DOLE) or Support Operation Manager (SOM).

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**Usage**

The Support Operations Manager will determine the allocation of the LIFESAVING VEHICLE to the most appropriate person for usage.

The LIFESAVING VEHICLE is to be used only for patrolling and responding to incidents within Sydney Branch, unless authorised by the Director of Lifesaving and Education or Support Operations Manager.

When a LIFESAVING VEHICLE is allocated to a driver, the driver must check all equipment and the vehicle to ensure that it is in safe working order. Any damage/issues must be reported immediately to the support Operations Manager.

The checklist must be signed off by both people handing over the vehicle and receiving the vehicle to confirm that all equipment is present and operational, and the vehicle is damage free and ready for use. The Log Book must also be completed and checked by both officers.

Under no circumstances are vehicles permitted on the beach for general patrolling or non-emergency purposes. Where there is an emergency in a location where vehicle access to the beach is the only solution for the most effective and rapid response, drivers shall minimise speed and shall operate with headlights and hazard lights on at all times. Duty Officer or Branch Director of Lifesaving must be informed must be advised.



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<b>Hours of Operation</b>	When allocated, the LIFESAVING VEHICLE can be used 7 days a week, 365 days of the year.
<b>Area of Operation</b>	<p>Primary Are of Operation will be between South Head (Sydney Harbour) to the Royal National Park.</p> <p>Usage outside the primary Area, will need the prior approval and discretion by the Director of Lifesaving and Education or the Support Operations Manager.</p>
<b>Flashing Lights and Siren</b>	<p>The use of flashing lights sirens should be restricted to on-beach emergencies.</p> <p>Use of flashing lights <b>does not exempt</b> lifesaving services from any laws, regulations and by-laws (including speed/parking).</p>
<b>Road Rules</b>	<p>Surf Life Saving is recognised by the State Rescue Board of NSW as an accredited rescue unit, however, vehicles shall abide at all times with <u>speed limits and all relevant laws and regulations relating to vehicles (including, speed, seat-belts, red-lights, parking).</u></p> <p><b><u>LIFESAVING VEHICLES are not exempt from any fines and/or infringements, including during emergencies. ANY FINES AND/OR INFRINGEMENTS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DRIVER.</u></b></p> <p>Any driver caught breaking the road rules will face disciplinary action as decided by the Director of Lifesaving and Education (DOLE) and Support Operations Manager (SOM).</p>
<b>Refuelling</b>	The vehicle is to be fuelled at the appropriate service station utilising the provided fuel car. The vehicle must at all times remain above half.
<b>Communications</b>	All communications should be carried out on mobile phone and normal Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch radio channels
<b>Accident / vehicle Damage</b>	Drivers will be responsible for paying the excess should an insurance claim be made for any at fault damage or accident.
<b>History / Review</b>	The SOM and Support Operations Committee will review this SOP annually. Last reviewed 14/02/17 10/08/2018 by SOM – Matthew Evans

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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