

**SENECA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER**

General Order: 486	Reviewed: New Issue
Subject: Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tag	NYS Accreditation:
Effective Date: 07/01/13 By Order Of: Stuart W. Peenstra, Chief of Police	

I. PURPOSE

To establish policy and procedure for the use of the Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tag.

II. POLICY

- A. Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tag will be used by all members of the Seneca Falls Police Department to avoid duplication of effort.
- B. Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tag will allow members to quickly and safely identify vehicles that have been previously checked by a Seneca Falls Police Department member rather than each platoon repeatedly checking the same vehicle.
- C. Nothing in this order should prevent members from again checking the stolen status of stranded/abandoned tagged vehicles observed by members during routine patrol.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tags will be completed by members investigating stranded/abandoned vehicles while on routine patrol within the Town of Seneca Falls.
- B. Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tag will be completed on the back with all the necessary information requested by current tag form.
- C. Members will attach Stranded/Abandoned Tag to the vehicle so that the tag is visible from the closest public highway. (i.e., tie to outside mirror or door handle.)
- D. Member will ensure that dispatcher has the correct location and plate number and/or VIN of stranded/abandoned vehicle prior to leaving vehicle location.
- E. Member will check all plate numbers and/or VIN numbers of stranded/abandoned vehicles for stolen via NYSPIN.
- F. Stranded/Abandoned Vehicle Tags will not be used in lieu of ticketing and/or towing illegally parked vehicles left in dangerous positions. These vehicles will be ordered towed by members and Towed Vehicle Report completed by members.
- G. Stranded/Abandoned vehicles only need to be tagged by first member checking on said vehicle.
- H. Members will clear the call as marked with Stranded/Abandoned tag.

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Attachment