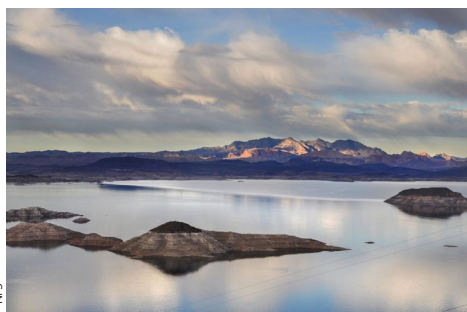
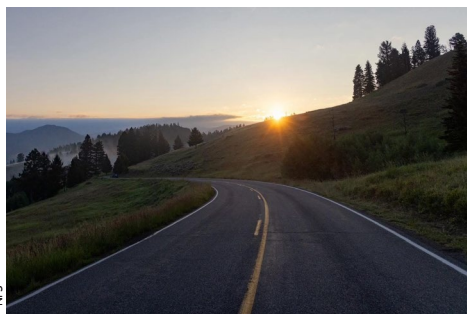


Law Enforcement Vehicle Handbook

National Park Service Law Enforcement Vehicle Marking Standards



Law Enforcement Vehicle Markings



Overview

This law enforcement vehicle handbook provides guidance on vehicle marking standards to ensure uniformity among National Park Service (NPS) law enforcement (LE) vehicles. Law enforcement vehicle and vessel markings will be consistent with the descriptions outlined in this handbook and agency policy. No vehicles other than those used for law enforcement will display law enforcement markings. Superintendents are responsible for ensuring compliance with their program's law enforcement vehicle markings.

Law Enforcement Vehicle Markings

Standard Marked Patrol Vehicle: This law enforcement vehicle is equipped with overt, high-visibility markings in an agency approved appearance scheme that enhances safety by ensuring clear recognition and standardized professional appearance. The standard marked patrol vehicle body is factory-white in color.

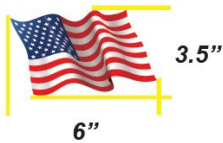
Unmarked Patrol Vehicle: This law enforcement vehicle has no visible markings or patterns and is exempt from emergency equipment requirements when such equipment would interfere with operations. The use of unmarked vehicles is authorized for use by special agents and other law enforcement or administration functions.

“Ghost” Marked Patrol Vehicle: This law enforcement vehicle features markings and patterns in an agency approved appearance scheme, but the graphics appear visibly subdued during daytime operations and reflective for nighttime operations. The “ghost” marked patrol vehicle utilizes reflective graphics that match the vehicle's factory-white body color. The use of these graphics is limited.

Other Vehicles: These are other types of LE vehicles used for high visibility LE operations and patrol. Examples include ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, and more.

Standard Marked Vessel: This law enforcement vessel or watercraft displays overt markings and patterns in an agency approved appearance scheme. The standard marked patrol vessel is unpainted metal or white in color.

Standard Marked Patrol Vehicle



Standard High Visibility Graphics

Font Specification: All letterings will use Arial Bold Italic font.
Striping Materials: Striping and lettering material will be 3M™ Scotchlite® Reflective Striping Tape, Series 5100R or equivalent, utilizing the following color codes as outlined in this handbook: Green (77), White (10), and Black (85). Reflective silver/white striping and lettering outline may use either high visibility Oralite® V82 or 3M™ Scotchlite® Reflective Striping (White 10).
NPS Law Enforcement Badge: Vendors like Municipal Graphics and 8six8one Designs produce flag and badge graphics that comply with NPS Brand and Identity guidelines.

Reflective Striping: A green reflective stripe will run horizontally from the rear to the front of the vehicle.

- The stripe will measure approximately 3.9 inches in width at the rear, gradually tapering to 1 inch at the front.
- The tapered edge of the green stripe will face upward.
- A 1-inch white/silver reflective stripe will be placed approximately 0.25 inches beneath the green stripe.
- A United States flag will be placed across the green stripe, directly forward of the front door edge, facing the appropriate direction for driver-side and passenger-side placement.

Rear Quarter Panel Markings: The text “NATIONAL PARK SERVICE” will be displayed in white reflective lettering, approximately 1.75 inches in height, and centered within the green stripe on the vehicle’s rear quarter panel.

- A 6-inch full-color National Park Service arrowhead will be placed approximately 1.4 inches forward of the “NATIONAL PARK SERVICE” text and centered across both the green and silver stripes.

Door Markings: The text “POLICE” and “U.S. PARK RANGER” will be displayed in black lettering.

- “POLICE” lettering will be approximately 10 inches in height.
- “U.S. PARK RANGER” lettering will be approximately 4 inches in height with a 0.25-inch white/silver reflective outline.
- There will be a 2-inch space between “POLICE” and “U.S. PARK RANGER” text.
- Lettering will be centered between the bottom of the silver stripe and the bottom of the vehicle, spanning both side doors.
- A 16-inch full-color law enforcement badge will be displayed approximately 4.5 inches in front of the lettering.

Standard Marked Patrol Vehicle



Visibility Kits: High visibility packages may display reflective chevron markings on the vehicle's rear tailgate. These markings are authorized and encouraged.

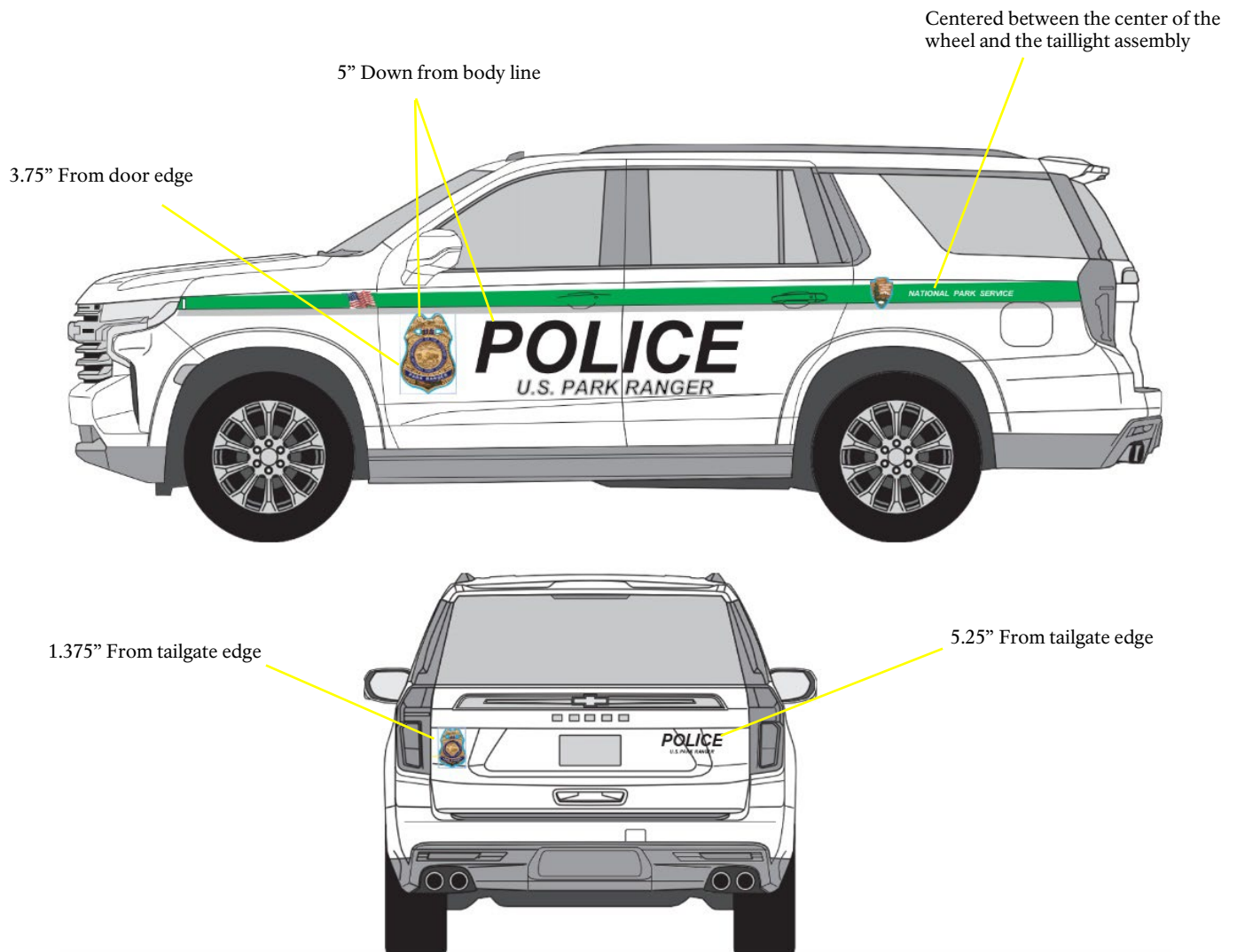
Rear Vehicle Markings: The text "POLICE" and "U.S. PARK RANGER" will be displayed in black lettering.

- "POLICE" will be 2.5 inches in height and "U.S. PARK RANGER" will be 1.25 inches in height, centered below "POLICE". Lettering will be centered across the rear passenger-side tailgate, approximately 5.25 inches from the tailgate edge.
- The rear driver's side tailgate will display an 8-inch full-color law enforcement badge. The badge will be displayed approximately 1.375 inches from the tailgate edge.



Municipal Graphics

Standard Marked Patrol Vehicle



Marking placements are approximate and may need to be adjusted for specific vehicle model.

Other Graphics

Ghost Graphics:

Appearance: NPS LE vehicles that display “ghost” graphics must match the standard high visibility graphics marking scheme but utilize a reflective vehicle-matched color for the graphic. “Ghost” graphic markings should mimic the vehicle’s factory-white color scheme and utilize the same reflective material specified in this handbook for the standard high visibility graphics.

Authorization: The integration of “ghost” graphics into a park unit’s traffic safety plan will be subject to approval by the Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement Operations and Policy (DCOP). The use of “ghost” graphics must be clearly defined within the park unit’s traffic safety plan as a strategic measure to support specific traffic safety objectives. Use of these graphics is restricted to targeted enforcement operations where the use of low-profile vehicles is deemed necessary to mitigate aggressive or hazardous driving behavior in high-traffic areas.

Other Law Enforcement Vehicles:

The park SLEO must ensure that ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles, and other types of vehicles used for high visibility LE operations are appropriately equipped and clearly identifiable as NPS LE vehicles.

These LE vehicles must be marked using the same standards as the standard marked patrol vehicle; however, because these vehicles vary in size and configuration, markings may be proportionately adjusted.



Standard Law Enforcement Vessel

Standard High Visibility Graphics

The standard LE vessel will display all designated vessel markings topside.

Hull Markings: LE vessels will be marked on both starboard and port with three adjacent diagonal stripes. These stripes will:

- Be angled at 30 degrees, extending from waterline to gunwale.
- Be positioned approximately one-quarter of the vessel length from the bow.

Stripe Specifications: The diagonal stripes will be applied in the following order, beginning nearest to the bow:

- Broad green stripe: width will equal 50% of the vertical distance between the gunwale and waterline.
- Narrow white stripe: Width will equal 8% of the broad green stripe.
- Narrow forest green stripe: Width will equal 11% of the broad green stripe.

Lettering and Markings: The following text will be applied to the vessel:

- “POLICE” will be placed on the bow in lieu of identification and registration numbers.
- “NATIONAL PARK SERVICE” and a 6-inch full-color NPS arrowhead will be placed on the on the rear half of the vessel.
- A 12-inch full-color NPS law enforcement badge will be centered within the broad green diagonal stripe.
- Lettering and markings will contrast with the hull color and be proportional in size to other vessel markings.

Gunwale: Upper edge of boat’s side

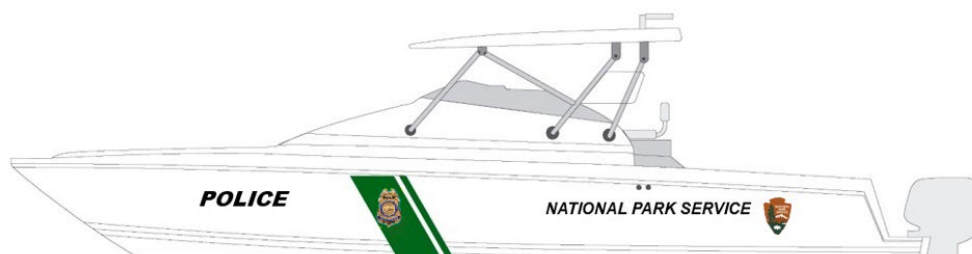
Bow: Front of boat

Topside: Area above waterline

Hull: Main body of boat

Starboard: Right side of boat when facing forward

Port: Left side of boat when facing forward



Vendors



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Where do I purchase striping kits?

The National Park Service does not endorse any one sole vendor for law enforcement vehicle graphics. The individual park unit is responsible for sourcing the best vendor to meet their needs and comply with the standards set forth in this handbook.

There are several vendors capable of producing high quality vehicle graphics for NPS LE vehicles, such as Municipal Graphics and 8six8one Designs. This is not a comprehensive list.

Can a local shop produce graphics?

Yes. Many local installation shops have the capability to produce and install high quality graphics. There is no prohibition on local shops utilizing their technology and equipment to produce NPS law enforcement vehicle graphics, so long as the product complies with the standards set forth in this handbook and maintains a uniform and professional appearance.

The vendors Municipal Graphics and 8six8one Designs produce badge graphics that comply with NPS Brand and Identity guidelines. Arrowhead graphics for vehicle and vessel markings are available upon request using the contact information provided below.

NPS symbols are available through the NPS Brand Team:

[Internal NPS Brand Team Email Link](#)

[External NPS Brand Team Email Link](#)

External NPS Website: www.nps.gov/subjects/hfc/nps-graphic-identity-and-style-guides.htm