Wrecker Operator Course 101 –

What Every Wrecker Operator Should Know

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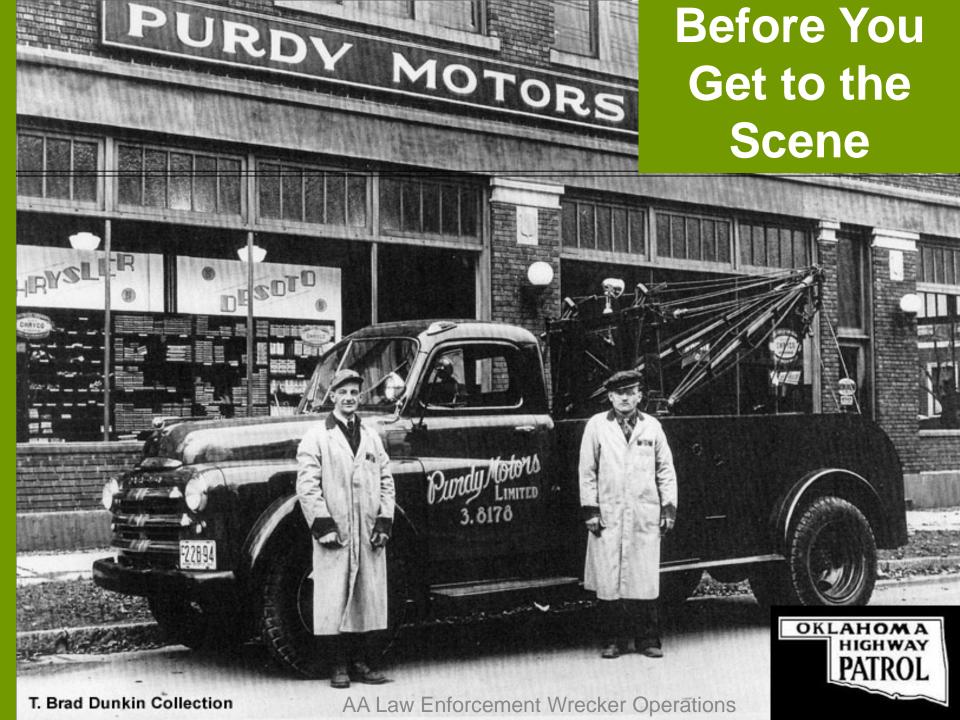
Areas to Cover:

Before you get to the scene

At the Scene

Leaving the scene





Ensure the wrecker vehicle is adequately equipped to handle a law enforcement tow call.

Broom Shovel Pry Bar

Absorbent Chains Straps

Winch Axe Scotch Blocks

Dollies Tow Lights Warning Devices

Cable Length & Integrity Fire Extinguisher



Vehicle Integrity:

Wheels **Tires Brakes**

Fenders Flashing Lights

Exhaust System Turn Signals

Working Front & Rear Lights Front & Rear Suspension



Ensure the wrecker vehicle is fully capable of handling the job.

- Proper size and weight rating for vehicle(s) being towed.
- Proper configuration, conventional or rollback for the specific job.
- Functional and reliable operation of wrecker vehicle prior to arrival.



Ensure the operator is adequately qualified to handle AA law enforcement tow call.

- Valid Oklahoma license to operate wrecker vehicle.
- Experienced and competent wrecker operator adequately trained to operate the vehicle and handle routine and non-routine towing calls.
- Driver information on file with DPS.



Before you get to the scene

Respond to the call promptly without unnecessary delay.

- Response time, response time, response time.
- Communications and familiarization with roads and highways in the rotation area.
- 24-7 response for service. Weekends, holidays, bad weather.





At the Scene

Positioning the wrecker vehicle

- Park or stop wrecker vehicle as to not cause an additional hazard for law enforcement, the public, and wrecker operator.
- Collision scene integrity for evidentiary purposes.
- Reflective vest apparel in accordance with federal regulations.



At the Scene

Respond to the nearest at scene law enforcement officer for instructions.

- Which vehicle(s) to move first.
- Special instructions for storage (inside/outside)
- Special instructions for evidentiary and or specific release limitations and restrictions.



At the Scene

Safely operate the wrecker vehicle during recovery operations. SAFETY FIRST!!

- Securing the wrecker vehicle prior to towing and recovery operations.
- Adequate clothing and safety equipment utilized prior to recovery operations.
- Situational awareness for other hazards such as vehicular and pedestrian traffic during recovery operations.



Leaving the Scene

Ensure the operator has been cleared by the law enforcement officer to leave the scene.

- Authorizing officer and badge number documentation prior to departure.
- Provide telephone information of wrecker operator to on scene law enforcement for purposes associated with unforeseen circumstances.



Leaving the Scene

- Final instructions from law enforcement.
- Ensure statutory mandates have been met with regard to on-scene cleanup prior to departure.



Closing Points

Proficiency

Safety

Professionalism



