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Director Crawford

We are in receipt of a recent motion past by your department attempting to require all security vehicles to be marked in order to display amber/green lights on agency owned or leased vehicles. We are conversing with you in an attempt to stop this motion without legal proceedings, as we believe that this motion will not only cause an undo burden upon the industry, but place officers lives in danger.

Our clients choose not to have marked vehicles for many reasons with the main reason being that a marked vehicle in a high crime area endangers officers lives as seen by the recent shooting on a Critical Intervention Services patrol vehicles that almost killed the officer, a Nova Agency K-9 patrol vehicle that was rammed head on as the vehicle turned the corner in a gated community to investigate a suspicious person call, a Guardian Protective Services patrol vehicle that was shot at while entering a community.

The second reason our clients choose not to have marked patrol vehicles is that their District Commanders are on duty, and call 24/7 and are required per agency policy to take their vehicles home in order to respond to assist officers in the field. This vehicles need lights to conduct security services once they enter a community or site for the purposes of patrolling, securing an area (possible bomb found in a gated community, that security officers were first on scene, and due to lights on the agency vehicles they were able to properly close down the community until the Orange County Sheriffs Office bomb squad arrived), and warn on possible threats (Suspect shoot at two armed security officers at point black range while they were finishing their reports in a marked patrol vehicle, responding patrol officers with the security agency were able to close of the area, setup a perimeter, and direct law enforcement in the direction of the suspect, note all responding patrol vehicles were unmarked which assisted in not scaring the suspect out of the area while they setup a perimeter).

We urge you to please reconsider this motion.

Thank You
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