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The use of Buses by the Metropolitan Police for Prisoner Transport

This document outlines the process that Police Officers should follow when requesting buses proactively prior to planned events that may lead to civil disturbance it also covers requests for buses to be used as prisoner transport following mass arrests in unplanned circumstances.

Should Police Officers decide **prior to a planned event** that it would be prudent to hire a Double Decker Bus to be used as Prisoner Transport on the day, the process is as follows:

MPS / CO11 contact London Buses by Routing a CAD to "TC" or phoning the Traffic Controller on [REDACTED] giving details of the event, Date, Time and RVP for deployment of the bus and the billing details / order number for the cost of the vehicle. This information will be passed direct to CentreComm.

The CentreComm Network Duty Manager will then arrange the vehicle and confirm the booking with the Traffic Controller who will update the officer making the request.

In a situation that is **Spontaneous** and a bus is required the same process should be followed a CAD to "TC" or phoning the Traffic Controller giving details of the incident and the RVP for the bus

We then need an order number/ reference for the cost of the vehicle this should be passed at the time of making the request for assistance.

Communications: It is essential that the Police provide contact details of the Officers responsible for the bus to ensure all concerned can track the vehicle.

Costing: on average we pay between [REDACTED] for buses with the higher figure being for an 18 hour hire this will apply to both Planned and Spontaneous hires.

On no account should Police take buses out of service to carry prisoners:

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