

## CARS and TRUCKS VS. MOTORCYCLES

We are frequently asked why we use cars and trucks as well as – or sometimes even in place of – motorcycles on our funeral escorts. The answer is simple: SAFETY. This reason is recognized by almost all law enforcement agencies, which is why they primarily use cars instead of motorcycles.

Cars and trucks have a much higher profile, increasing their visibility when approaching and crossing into intersections. This ensures they are seen better and recognized as emergency vehicles faster than motorcycles. Opposing traffic will stop quicker and move out of the way for a well-lighted car or truck than they will a motorcycle.

When the route is using primarily four-lane or interstate travel, cars have easy ability to pass. When a route is mostly comprised of two-lane roads, motorcycles are utilized as well.

In almost all cases, we will use cars and trucks as lead vehicles to do the primary intersection control. Again, this is for safety reasons to ensure that opposing traffic recognizes the need to stop and move out of the way. Also, for our drivers' safety, a car or truck has a much higher survivability rate in an impact situation than does a motorcycle.

If you have any questions about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.