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## Transportation Resource Manual – Guideline 005

### Escort Vehicles for Transportable Section Movements

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The Specialized Carrier and Rigging Association (SCRA), in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), have prepared escort guidelines for the movement of permitted oversize/overweight loads. The guidelines entitled Pilot Car Escort – Best Practices and Law Enforcement Escort – Best Practices are the result of extensive research and analysis conducted by the SCRA, reviews of federal and state regulations, and existing training materials.

The above culminated in the identification of a “best practices” document for pilot car escorts assisting the movement of oversize/overweight loads. The document is intended as a guideline for prospective pilot car escort operations and as a review for existing operations.

Although states, through their permitting process, have some requirements for oversize/overweight movements, no nationwide guidance is available for how law enforcement escorts should support these movements. The safe movement of oversize/overweight loads requires coordinated efforts of all stakeholders. The law enforcement guideline contains recommendations for law enforcement escorts.

Both guidelines cover such issues as pre-trip planning and meetings; preparing for escorts; route planning and communication; oversize/overweight highway movements (respect laws, comply with permits and follow safe driving habits); escort assignment conclusions; and, quality assurance reviews.

It is suggested that both guidelines be used to provide comprehensive guidance for the safe movement of oversize/overweight loads. You may call SCRA at (703) 698-0291, the FHWA at (202) 366-9210, or CVSA at (202) 775-1623 to obtain copies of the documents. You may also download copies at [www.cvsa.org/committees/size\\_weight\\_committee.html](http://www.cvsa.org/committees/size_weight_committee.html).

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