



## Desert Wrangler Trail Leader Responsibilities

The Trail Leader is primarily responsible for the safe and responsible conduct of the planned off-road activity. The Trail Leader will:

- Plan the offroad route
- Pre-run the route and identify any notable hazards
- Record the run and maintain a current GPX file of the route
- Forward the GPX file to the selected Tail Gunner prior to going off-road for navigation back-up
- Maintain a list of all drivers and passengers going off-road
- Provide a drivers' brief to all drivers
- Assist any driver with Air-up and Air-down
- Manage the conduct of the off-road event in accordance with the brief
  - Be prepared to stop the run if safety or legal or health issues arise
  - Remain behind at the air-up spot providing assistance until all drivers are safely back on-road
- Prepare de-brief of events for periodic Trail Leader Meeting

The primary objective for every off-road activity is to conduct it safely and orderly.

### Emergencies

Emergencies can include but are not limited to medical emergencies, mechanical malfunctions, degradation to the road surface, unexpected climatic changes or criminal activity along the route. It is the trail leaders responsibility to identify the emergency and take appropriate action based on the nature and severity of the emergency.

The first step in dealing with emergencies is to stop and collect all information available. This can be challenging as the emergency may be located some distance from the trail leader's position and the nature of the emergency may increase the stress level to those closest to the emergency. Good communication with the tail/mid positions is critical in securing this information.

The next step is to direct and or take any immediate action required to preserve life (CPR, First Aid). Once the situation is stable, the trail leader must deal with the remaining situation. His or her actions may take a number of forms based on the emergency concerned. In the case of mechanical or a stuck jeep proceed with care but use all the personnel on the run and assets available in a calm and organized manner. Once the critical issues are dealt with, take your time and work with everyone to get back on the road.

For serious medical issues, consideration should be given to contact life-flight for patient extraction. Consideration may also be given to contacting SNORR (Southern Nevada Off Road Recovery) if the emergency involves recovery of equipment in the off-road environment. Consideration may also be given to performing recovery using the equipment resident in the off-road group itself. This can involve winching or removing dirt and debris to extract a stuck Jeep.

Lastly, consider how to finish the run. Should the emergency be significant enough to cancel the run, consider keeping the group together in order to deal collectively with any additional emergencies should they arise. It may also not be practical to resume the intended route. An alternate (more direct) route may be more appropriate. In the case of a minor mechanical issue it may be appropriate to send the damaged Jeep with an escort (no one travels alone) to the nearest road and continue on with the remaining Jeeps. In the end, the goal when dealing with unforeseen issues is to deal with it, limit the impact on all concerned and return everyone to a safe environment.

#### Emergency Action Steps:

1. Stop, Assess
2. Take required immediate action
3. Call for help if needed
4. Perform recovery actions, slow time
5. Cancel or continue route