



TRAFFIC FUNCTION

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I. TRAFFIC FUNCTION

This directive establishes the department's traffic function. The major activities of the traffic function include:

- A. General traffic enforcement
- B. Selective traffic enforcement
- C. General accident investigation
- D. Specialized accident investigation
- E. Operation of speed measuring devices
- F. Operation of chemical testing equipment
- G. Traffic safety education
- H. Liaison with traffic safety and traffic engineering groups
- I. Traffic direction and control
- J. Provision of emergency and towing services to motorists
- K. Identification and correction of roadway hazards
- L. Removal of abandoned vehicles

II. ADMINISTRATION

The commander of the *Special Services* Bureau is responsible for the department's traffic function, to include planning, analysis, monitoring, and coordinating the department's traffic activities. The bureau commander's primary support components in meeting this responsibility are the Patrol *Services Bureau's* district commanders, and the Special Operations Division commander.

III. PATROL DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Patrol district commanders are responsible for deployment of general and selective traffic enforcement officers in response to analyses of accident and enforcement data provided by Traffic Safety. They are free to conduct their own supplementary analyses and evaluations of enforcement effectiveness, and to deploy personnel accordingly. District commanders bear the operational responsibility for reduction of traffic accidents through effective and efficient use of personnel and material resources.

IV. SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division commander is responsible for the coordination and administration of programs dealing with the regulation of traffic and enforcement of traffic laws. The Traffic Safety Section within the Special Operations Division is the primary component delegated specific responsibility for the development, coordination, and administration of traffic enforcement programs as enumerated below.

- A. Fatal accident investigations;
- B. Investigation of accidents resulting in injuries to any party which can reasonably be presumed to be incompatible with life;
- C. Investigation of departmental accidents resulting in death or serious personal injury; the Traffic Safety commander/designee will determine the involvement of Traffic Safety personnel in all other departmental accidents on a case-by-case basis;
- D. Analysis of accident and enforcement data, and reporting the results to the bureau and district commanders for use in decisions regarding the deployment of traffic enforcement officers;
- E. Abandoned vehicle processing;
- F. Chemical test for alcohol programs;
- G. Licensed towing companies within the County; applicant investigation and complaint investigation;
- H. Motorcycle enforcement program;
- I. Parade applications;
- J. Radar enforcement program;
- K. Traffic engineering liaison;
- L. Management of the commercial vehicle inspection and weight enforcement programs.

V. TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

A. Role of Traffic Analysts

Traffic analysts will perform traffic analysis and enforcement duties as assigned by the Traffic Safety Section commander in consultation with the affected district commanders. The primary role of the traffic analyst is to provide written traffic accident analyses and reports to the Traffic Safety commander and the Patrol *Services Bureau's* district commanders, for use in the deployment of selective traffic enforcement officers. Analysis of traffic accidents will include geographic, temporal, and causative factors. Traffic analysts must be cognizant of other problems in the districts, such as:

- 1. Locations generating repeated requests from citizens for radar enforcement
- 2. Residential and commercial locations generating high volumes of parking complaints
- 3. Traffic problems that can only be corrected or improved by traffic engineering

B. Traffic Data Summaries

The commander of the Traffic Safety Section will establish written procedures for the preparation and distribution of traffic enforcement and accident data summaries. These procedures will include:

- 1. Types of data to be summarized;
- 2. Format for summary reports; and
- 3. Time periods to be covered.

Traffic data summaries will be distributed to the commanders of the Special Services Bureau, Patrol Services Bureau and the Chief of Police.

VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Traffic Safety Section.

VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1901, dated 02-26-09.