



# SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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### **I. GOAL**

The goal of the Department's selective traffic enforcement program is the reduction of traffic crashes and traffic violations through:

- A. Deployment of personnel and equipment by time and location, based on analysis of *collision* and enforcement data
- B. Establishment of preventive/directed patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior

### **II. FUNCTIONS**

The department's selective traffic enforcement program is based on:

- A. Compilation and review of traffic collision data (by location, time, and cause)
- B. Compilation and review of traffic enforcement activities data
- C. Comparison of collision data and enforcement activities data
- D. Implementation of preventive/directed patrols and selective enforcement techniques and procedures
- E. District Commander's assessment/discretion
- F. Use of equipment

### **III. ANALYSIS**

Analysis of *collision* and enforcement data is the responsibility of the Traffic Safety Section. Periodic traffic analysis reports will be provided to the Bureau of Patrol commander, district commanders and to the Chief of Police.

### **IV. DEPLOYMENT**

District commanders will deploy selective traffic enforcement officers based on the data derived by the analyses conducted by Traffic Safety, as well as their own knowledge and assessment of problematic locations. Selective traffic enforcement officers will be deployed in areas having the greatest concentration of crashes and calls for traffic services, and at times when crashes and hazardous moving violations are most likely to occur. The purpose of the deployment is to take enforcement action against those violations determined to cause crashes, and will involve countermeasures that effectively address the specific enforcement problems identified. District commanders will formulate directed patrols and selective enforcement techniques, utilizing available equipment to respond to the data provided by traffic analyses.

**V. DIRECTED PATROL**

- A. Directed Patrol is defined as focused police resources and targeted enforcement to address specific problems that have been identified by the District Commander through various sources (i.e., officer observation, citizen complaint, statistical analysis, etc.)
- B. The Directed Patrol Form (PD1902A) has been established for use by District Commanders as a means for assigning directed patrols. It may be used for criminal and traffic problems.
- C. Furthermore, a Directed Patrol Log (PD1902B) has been created to assist in the tracking of directed patrol assignments by district. A new log should be created yearly and each directed patrol should be tracked as it is assigned.
- D. *The District Traffic Coordinator will maintain copies of the direct patrol forms and analyze the data to assist with further program development. The data will be shared with the Traffic Safety Section for program integration as needed.*
- E. When a directed patrol is assigned to address a traffic problem, a copy of the Directed Patrol Form must be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Section for compilation and review of traffic enforcement activity.

**VI. EVALUATION**

Traffic Safety will conduct a documented annual review of the Department's selective enforcement program and report the results and recommendations to the Commander of the Bureau of Patrol.

**VII. PROPONENT UNIT:** Traffic Safety Section.

**VIII. CANCELLATION:** This directive cancels Index Code 1902, dated 05-14-14.