



**Lakewood Police Department
Policy and Procedure**

**Policy Number: PP – 4301
TRAFFIC COLLISION RESPONSE**

**Effective
Date: 03/24/2025**

A. Policy - None.

B. Procedure

1. When the department receives notification or discovers a traffic collision which has occurred on the public roadways within the city, an investigation is conducted to record the accident and evidence on-scene, render necessary services, facilitate exchange of driver's information, identify and take enforcement action for violations, and to restore the normal flow of traffic.
2. Accident reporting shall be in accordance with procedures established by the State of Colorado. All accidents are required to be reported immediately. If LPD responds to the scene, the police report satisfies the reporting requirement.
3. If no LPD personnel respond to a scene, motorists may file an online accident report or download a traffic accident report to comply with the requirement. Online filing may be accomplished when:
 - a. There were no fatalities or injuries involved.
 - b. The accident was not a hit and run and drivers can provide the second party information.
 - c. No public property was damaged.
 - d. No driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is suspected.
4. When available, agents shall be dispatched to hit-and-run traffic collisions, which have recently occurred, and a report will be taken. All other hit-and-run traffic collisions will be referred to the police desk where a report will be taken.
 - a. If appropriate, a description of the suspect vehicle will air.
 - b. All unsolved hit-and-run traffic collision reports will be assigned to a traffic detective for appropriate investigation and follow-up.