



Colorado Springs Police Department Standard Operating Procedure

DL-1020-70 Pikes Peak Highway

Patrol Bureau – Patrol Bureau

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.01 Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to establish procedures when a law enforcement response is necessary for incidents occurring on the Pikes Peak Highway and/or facilities along the Pikes Peak Highway Recreational Corridor.

.02 Cross Reference

[GO 1072 Alternative Reporting](#)

[GO 1305-03 Traffic Crashes Involving City Employees or Vehicles](#)

[GO 1305-11 Counter Reports](#)

.03 Definitions

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.04 Procedure

Jurisdiction

Although the Pikes Peak Highway runs through unincorporated El Paso and Teller Counties, the land that the highway rests upon and the five acres that the Summit House rests upon are leased by the city of Colorado Springs. Per City Code § 8.1.201: Police Officers; Authority, the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) has the jurisdiction to enforce all ordinances and laws on property leased by the City.

The Pikes Peak Highway consists of 20 miles of improved roadway and begins approximately 1 mile before reaching the tollgate. CSPD traffic jurisdiction begins at the intersection of the Pikes Peak Toll Road and Chipita Park Road per the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Colorado State Patrol (CSP). The facilities include the tollgate, administrative office,

maintenance garage, Crystal Reservoir Visitors Center, Glen Cove Inn, and the Pikes Peak Summit House.

The property leased by the City extends 60 feet on each side of the centerline for the 1 mile up to the tollgate and for 150 feet from each side of the centerline from the tollgate to the summit.

Calls for Service

Occasionally, the CSPD will receive calls for service from either private citizens or caretakers of the Pikes Peak Highway.

If the call for service is non-emergent in nature, the reporting party will be directed to DLR or ICR if the appropriate criteria are met. In other non-emergent calls where an officer response is necessary, the reporting party will be directed to go to the tollgate and wait for an officer. This would include non-injury traffic accidents when the vehicles are still drivable and there is no damage to public property.

Officers are reminded that employees of the Pikes Peak Highway are city employees and guard rails and other improvements made to the natural landscape along the highway are city property. Damage to this property as a result of a traffic accident should be handled in accordance with existing policies regarding traffic accident investigation.

The Pikes Peak Highway has established a fee schedule for after-hours rescue and transportation of individuals requesting these services from employees of the Pikes Peak Highway. This is a civil situation between the individual requesting the services and the Pikes Peak Highway. However, CSPD might be requested to assist Pikes Peak Highway employees in a "keep the peace" capacity should an individual cause a disturbance when Pikes Peak Highway employees try to collect the fees.

Other requests for assistance from individuals using the Pikes Peak Highway or employees of the Pikes Peak Highway must be approved by the duty lieutenant prior to dispatch.

Attachment

[Pikes Peak Highway Map](#)