



Chapter: Operating Department Vehicles
Subject: 10-10 – Median Crossing
Effective: April 19, 2022
Supersedes: Official Order 10, Section 10.4.4, dated October 4, 2021
Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy related to median crossing.

10-10-1 MEDIAN CROSSING POLICY

- A. Enlisted members and motor carrier officers driving department vehicles may cross highway medians other than at designated crossovers to pursue and apprehend criminal or traffic violators.
- B. Crossing highway medians at other than designated crossovers, is subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) Designated median crossovers shall be used whenever possible.
 - (2) Crossovers shall be made at a reasonable and safe rate of speed.
 - (3) Good judgment shall be exercised in crossing medians, and enlisted members and motor carrier officers should restrict crossings during inclement weather or during spring thaws.
 - (4) Vehicle acceleration after crossing the median is to be accomplished without causing damage to the highway shoulder.
 - (5) Any vehicle damage shall be reported according to the procedure manual related to crash reporting and investigation and shall be repaired promptly to ensure safe vehicle operation.

DIRECTOR

Annual Review Responsibility: Field Operation Bureau

Accreditation Standards: CALEA 41.2.1