



Chapter: Operating Department Vehicles
Subject: 10-24 – Roadblocks
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Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy related to roadblocks.

10-24-1 ROADBLOCKS

The use of roadblocks can be an effective means of apprehending a fleeing violator. However, creating a roadblock is potentially dangerous to the violator, members, and the general public. Therefore, total and partial roadblocks shall only be established when authorized by a shift supervisor or higher authority according to the following guidelines:

- A. Emergency warning lights on patrol vehicles shall be in operation at all roadblocks.
- B. Enlisted members shall not establish or participate in total, partial, or rolling roadblocks when operating a department motorcycle.
- C. Enlisted members and motor carrier officers may only establish or participate in a total roadblock to apprehend a fleeing felon when the use of firearms would be authorized by written directive related to use of deadly force.

 A total roadblock is a physical blockage of the entire roadway using vehicles, materials, or other devices, leaving no room for an approaching vehicle to avoid the barrier. This does not include stop sticks.
- D. A partial roadblock may be established to stop a fleeing vehicle when there is a substantial risk that the continued operation of the vehicle may cause serious injury or death to another person.

 A partial roadblock is an incomplete blockage of the roadway, leaving room for an approaching vehicle to avoid the barrier.
- E. Total and partial roadblocks shall only be established in locations where the operator of the fleeing vehicle has sufficient visibility and distance to stop their vehicle.
- F. A rolling roadblock may be used to stop a fleeing violator's vehicle by employing department vehicles, driving skills, and techniques designed to restrict, reduce, or eliminate the chance for escape.
- G. Enlisted members and motor carrier officers may utilize a rolling roadblock to surround a suspect's vehicle with patrol vehicles and fixed objects (e.g., bridge abutment, retaining wall) to intentionally slow all vehicles to a stop.

- (1) Utilization of a rolling roadblock is not intended to employ the use of deadly force. Enlisted members and motor carrier officers shall not engage in intentional collisions while conducting a rolling roadblock.
 - (2) Civilian vehicles shall not be used to supplement patrol vehicles when conducting a rolling roadblock.
- H. Other considerations in an enlisted member's or motor carrier officer's decision to use a rolling roadblock shall include:
- (1) Volume, speed, and direction of vehicular traffic including vehicles involved in the pursuit.
 - (2) The current environmental and weather conditions.
 - (3) The presence of other motorists.
 - (4) The presence of pedestrians.
 - (5) The area in which the pursuit is occurring (e.g., a school zone, a busy downtown street).

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