

CRASHES – PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASHES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to suspend the investigation of property damage crashes which do not result in injuries or pose a traffic hazard during times of inclement weather or other emergencies. This policy makes certain that enough cars remain in-service to respond to calls of a more serious nature, since inclement weather conditions often result in an unusually high number of traffic crashes.

PROCEDURE:

I. Decision to Suspend Crash Investigation and Notifications

- A. The decision to suspend property damage crash investigation during inclement weather may be made by a command officer with the rank of Lieutenant or above from the Uniform Patrol Bureau (UPB) after conferring with all other on-duty UPB Lieutenants as well as the 911 Communications Department Supervisor.
- B. The command officer who makes the decision will immediately notify the 911 Communications Department Supervisor (see [Appendix A](#) for the number). Dispatchers will inform officers of the decision by radio and will not dispatch property damage crashes until conditions improve and the decision to resume property damage crash investigation is made by a command officer with the rank of Lieutenant or above from the Uniform Patrol Bureau.

II. Reporting

- A. The command officer who made the decision to suspend crash investigations will send an email to “OPD Overnights” documenting the effective date, effective time, and the determining factors.
- B. The command officer who determines the resumption of property damage investigations is appropriate will send an email to “OPD Overnights” documenting the effective date and time of their decision.

REFERENCES:

I. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous OPD General Orders include #72-00 and 6-14.

II. Other

- A. PPM Monthly Updates: #3-2020.