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**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE – 112.017  
RESTRICTION ON TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

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**AFFECTS: All Sworn Personnel**

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**I. PURPOSE**

This directive specifies vehicles and conditions under which sworn personnel are permitted to stop vehicles for traffic enforcement.

**II. POLICY**

Only personnel and equipment readily identifiable as law enforcement related will be utilized to enforce traffic laws. Conspicuous marking increases safety for both the officer and the public and serves as a warning to potential violators.

**III. PROCEDURES**

A. Officers will not stop vehicles because of traffic violations nor attempt enforcement for any traffic violation except under the following conditions:

1. The officer is in a Plano Police uniform and in a marked police vehicle, or
2. The officer is in uniform and in a police vehicle equipped with an operational siren and exterior emergency lights, or
3. The officer is in a police vehicle which is not equipped with an operational siren and exterior emergency lights AND the violation is of such a serious and flagrant nature that there is a continuing danger to other persons. In such cases, the officer witnessing the violation will first try to get assistance from a marked police vehicle before attempting to stop the violator by himself/herself.

B. Radar Equipped Observation Vehicles

1. Marked or unmarked police vehicles which may or may not be equipped with emergency equipment such as overhead lights and siren may be used as radar observational vehicles.
2. Unmarked vehicles or marked vehicles which are not equipped with a functional siren and overhead emergency lights shall not be used as intercept vehicles for traffic stops except under the conditions set forth above.

C. Traffic Stops Outside the City Limits of Plano

On September 1, 2005, CCP 14.03 was amended granting authority to officers to make an arrest for violations of the Transportation Code outside of their jurisdiction, if the violation occurred in the county (or counties) in which the municipality employing the peace officer is located. This change does NOT give the officer the authority to issue a citation for the observed violation of the Transportation Code. All traffic stops made pursuant to the authority granted by this change must result in a custodial arrest.

1. Any peace officer making an arrest under Article 14.03(g) (2), Code of Criminal Procedure shall, as soon as practicable after making the arrest, notify a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the arrest was made.
2. The law enforcement agency shall then take custody of the person committing the offense and take the person before a magistrate in compliance with Article 14.06, and any property seized during or after the arrest as if the property had been seized by a peace officer of that law enforcement agency.