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	Title: Use of Reflective Traffic Vest	<b>No. 13.7.1</b>
	ISSUING AUTHORITY: <b>Chief Joseph McNeil</b>	ISSUED: 08-15-2018
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**PURPOSE:**

The Police are responsible for the safe movement of traffic and shall perform manual traffic duties whenever a hazard exists that could congest traffic, present a serious threat, or cause serious damage. This task should be done without increasing the existing hazard, while maintaining the free flow of traffic

**POLICY:**

It shall be the policy of the Stratford Police Department to require officers to poses ANSI approved high visibility clothing to mitigate hazards associated with directing traffic.

**PROCEDURE:**

All personnel on manual traffic duty will wear either a traffic vest, reversible jacket (high visibility side out) or reversible rain coat (high visibility side out). The color and model of high visibility traffic control outer wear will conform to current uniform standards.

For officer safety reasons all officers shall take into consideration location, time of day, lighting and weather conditions when directing traffic.

Officers shall insure that the persons being signaled to stop or proceed recognize your signal before others are allowed to proceed.