

5.00.050 TRAFFIC ARRESTS

Any police officer having probable cause to believe that a person has committed or is committing a violation of any of the following traffic laws will have the authority to arrest the person:

- ❖ RCW 46.52.010, relating to duty on striking an unattended car or other property
- ❖ RCW 46.52.020, relating to duty in case of injury or death of a person or damage to an attended vehicle.
- ❖ RCW 46.61.500 or 46.61.530, relating to reckless driving or racing of vehicles.
- ❖ RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, relating to persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

An officer **shall** arrest and keep in custody, until release by a judicial officer on bail, personal recognizance, or court order, a person without a warrant when the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 and the officer has knowledge that the person has a prior offense as defined in RCW 46.61.5055 within ten years.

- ❖ RCW 46.20.342, relating to driving a motor vehicle while operator's license is suspended or revoked.
- ❖ RCW 46.61.524, relating to operating a motor vehicle in a negligent manner in the 1st degree.
- ❖ RCW 79A.60.040, relating to operation of a vessel in a reckless manner, or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

Officers may act upon the request of another law enforcement officer in whose presence a traffic infraction was committed, to stop, detain, arrest, or issue a notice of traffic infraction to the driver who is believed to have committed the infraction. The request by the witnessing officer will give an officer the authority to take appropriate action under the laws of the state of Washington. Refer to the **Traffic Responsibilities** policies for further information.