

Chapter 35

TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Standards in this chapter govern those activities undertaken by the department that directly affect the movement and control of vehicles and pedestrians.

35.1 Traffic Direction and Control

35.1.1 A written directive requires department personnel to wear high-visibility clothing when directing traffic.

Comments: Use of reflective vests or other high-visibility clothing when directing traffic enhances officer safety and driver recognition and response. (M M M)

35.1.2 A written directive governs the department's use of temporary traffic control devices.

Comments: The directive should specify when and where such devices are to be used and the person or persons responsible for their placement and removal. (M M M)

35.1.3 A written directive governs provision of police escort services.

Comments: The directive should specify the circumstances, both routine and emergency, under which escort services should be provided; the procedures for processing routine or emergency requests for escort; and the identification of personnel authorized to approve such requests. The directive should include escort of public officials, dignitaries, emergency vehicles, funerals, oversize vehicles, and hazardous or unusual cargo. (M M M)

35.1.4 A written directive describes circumstances warranting the use of roadblocks and specifies procedures for implementation.

Comments: The directive should specify the types of roadblocks authorized for use and the circumstances justifying their use. (M M M)