

# BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

# GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 9.17.00  
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL  
EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 1, 1999  
REVIEW: AUGUST 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007

1. POLICY. It is the policy of this department to provide traffic direction and control at the scene of accidents or at any other time that traffic movement has come to a standstill due to some past or current hazardous incident or condition.
2. PROCEDURES.
  - A. All personnel engaging in traffic control activities will wear the department issued special high visibility vest, with the exception of traffic officers who will wear special attire that is provided to traffic safety team members.
  - B. Accidents or incidents during the hours of darkness will be supplemented by the use of flares, flashlights, or other illuminated devices.
  - C. Flare patterns or cones will be used whenever changes in normal traffic pattern flow are required.
  - D. Whenever possible, police patrol vehicles will be situated with all emergency lights in operation to provide notice to the motoring public that a traffic officer is present and providing direction.
  - E. Incidents that occur requiring lengthy traffic control will be evaluated by a Patrol Supervisor who may consider alternative temporary traffic plans, or establish barricades and/or detour routes.
  - F. All new police personnel will receive the basic tenets of proper traffic control during their Basic Certification Field Training. New or updated ideas will be disseminated at Patrol briefings, as they become available. Recruit police officers will spend actual time with traffic safety personnel during this time.

3. INJURY/HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSES. In accidents or incidents involving injuries, fire hazards, and/or hazardous materials, a fire department response will be requested. If there are injuries, officers will render first aid within their abilities until relieved by fire or medical personnel. If a fire exists or hazardous materials are involved, the officer will clear bystanders to a safe distance until fire personnel arrive. The hazardous materials should be identified, if possible, and the information relayed to the fire department so they can make appropriate determinations regarding the Hazardous Material response.

4. OTHER HAZARDOUS ROAD CONDITIONS. When an officer becomes aware of a hazardous road condition, the officer will immediately notify the dispatch center of the condition and location. The officer will then in a safe and prudent manner, take appropriate corrective action to remove the hazardous road condition. When an officer is responding to a priority one call and becomes aware of a hazardous road condition, with approval of the Patrol Supervisor, a second officer may be dispatched to take care of the hazardous road condition so the initial officer may continue to respond to the priority one call.

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Chief of Police      Date