

201.00 Police Traffic Supervision

- (1) Police Traffic Supervision should be primarily concerned with enforcement action to be taken in connection with traffic accident investigation and other "on view" violations and in procedures to be followed in the relief of traffic congestion. True enforcement action (arrest, citation, or warning) must accomplish a deterrent adequate to bring about better driving habits which reflect themselves in reduced congestion and accident experience in the community. The Denver Police Department is concerned with the quantity of enforcement activity only to the extent that it affects the traffic problems of the community.
- (2) Scientific studies by various agencies and institutions have well established the fact that where traffic enforcement is vigorous and selective, traffic laws are observed and the incidence of traffic accidents are reduced. But to accomplish the realistic, productive traffic law enforcement with resultant observance of traffic laws, we must conscientiously employ the first element of an effective traffic law enforcement program - intelligent and uniform application of fair and reasonable traffic policies.
- (3) Although the essential elements of each violation are clearly set forth in an ordinance or in a statute, it is important that we relate these elements to everyday traffic incidents. This is, in essence, a guide to police officers in their efforts toward reducing the number of traffic accidents and relieving congestion. This manual attempts to outline and briefly explain the most intelligent and practical approach toward enforcement action in specific instances. Thus, if we expect to enjoy the most rewarding results in the field of traffic safety, we must be uniformly guided by the policies which have been adopted by the Department and stated in this manual.

