

**202.00 - GENERAL ENFORCEMENT GUIDES – TRAFFIC**

- (1) When applying the enforcement guides, it is necessary that the enforcement action be conducted in accordance with the following basic policies in order to obtain the most successful results.
- a. Members of the department shall take appropriate enforcement action when an enforceable violation is detected. This shall include provable violations determined as the result of accident investigation, as well as violations which were observed by the officer.
  - b. When juveniles are involved in traffic offenses, the procedures and philosophies contained in this manual will be followed.
  - c. Traffic law enforcement activities of the department shall be primarily (but not exclusively) selective or directed toward those violations which are predominantly accident causing and during those times and places where accidents are occurring. General traffic law enforcement shall also be maintained at a level adequate to promote the development of safe driving practices.
  - d. Between the hours of 0700 and 0900, and 1600 and 1800, on days which normal business activities are conducted, members of the department shall not engage in "at rest" patrol or stationary observation. During these times, members of the department shall direct their traffic activities toward patrolling arterial streets and highways for the purpose of locating and relieving traffic congestion and hazards.
  - e. Parking regulations shall be objectively enforced, keeping in mind that such enforcement is provided as a service to the public and taking into consideration the practical limitations, as well as the obligations imposed upon the police.
  - f. Occasionally, a problem condition may exist which is beyond the sphere of police corrective measures, such as traffic or design engineering deficiencies. In these cases, members of the Department must:
    1. Recognize the problem
    2. Identify the department or agency responsible for making the necessary corrections
    3. Advise that agency of the existing conditions
    4. Document the notification to establish the Traffic Division's awareness of the problem
  - g. The policy of the department shall be to afford the public a fair measure of enforcement, contingent upon all related factors. This enforcement must be consistent with the objectives of relieving traffic congestion, insuring citizen observance of traffic laws, use of available street space and efficient movement of traffic.

