



NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE

TITLE: Roadblocks and Checkpoints

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ATTACHMENTS: APPENDIX A – Traffic Enforcement Report
APPENDIX B – Roadblocks & Checkpoints

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines regarding the use of roadblocks and checkpoints by New Smyrna Beach Police Department personnel.

DISCUSSION

There are circumstances that may necessitate the use of roadblocks or checkpoints, including but not limited to:

- Routing a fleeing felon away from densely populated areas;
- Containing or isolating of crime scenes, civil disorders or riots;
- Limiting or stopping of traffic during emergency situations,
- Determining if motorists are under the influence of alcoholic beverages or narcotics, or in the possession of the necessary documents to operate a vehicle.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

ROADBLOCKS

6-6.1 The extreme danger inherent in the use of roadblocks (obstruction of the roadway or a portion thereof) mandates that they should be used only after lesser means of traffic control have failed or have been determined to be ineffective.

6-6.2 A supervisor or other competent authority may authorize the use of a stationary roadblock: *CFA 24.04M (A,C)*

- Through the deployment of the spike system;
- To route a fleeing felon away from densely populated areas. For the purpose of this section, the person pursued must have committed an act in which the use of deadly force would have been justified at the time the decision to pursue is made;

- When necessary to preserve crime scenes, in emergency situations, or in the event of road obstructions, fires, riots, civil disorders, to limit or stop traffic;
- Traffic checkpoints as described below;
- In non-emergency situations such as parades, sporting events, and other planned events involving large gatherings of people or traffic, to limit or stop traffic flow.

6-6.3 Roadblocks shall not be used when the hazards or risks to the general public would be greater than if the roadblock is not used.

CHECKPOINTS

6-6.4 Driver license, vehicle safety, and DUI checkpoints will be the responsibility of the Command Authority within the Department. *CFA 24.04 M (C)*

6-6.5 Specific guidelines must be written prior to the implementation of any checkpoint. These guidelines shall provide all information needed to operate the checkpoint, including the appointment of a supervisor responsible for the checkpoint. The guidelines shall include but shall not be limited to the following: *CFA 24.04M (C,D,E)*

- Staffing the appropriate personnel
- Setup of checkpoint (equipment, etc.)
- Method of vehicle selection
- Prisoner holding and transportation
- Security
- Determining the start/end times

6-6.6 The location will be published in a local newspaper prior to the checkpoint by forwarding the "Traffic Enforcement Notice" (See Appendix B), to the local print media. The notice will describe the checkpoint as a location manned by officers for the purpose of inspecting motorists or vehicles.

The supervisor in charge shall insure placement of: *CFA 24.04 M (D)*

- Signs informing the public of the reason for the checkpoint;
- Cones and/or flares, as needed;
- Barricades and other safety devices as required.

6-6.7 A report, utilizing the "Completion of Traffic Enforcement form" (See Appendix A), will be prepared upon completion to include:

- The assigned case number;
- The name and rank of the supervisor in charge;
- The name and rank of all personnel involved;
- The number of citations issued, categorized, i.e.; number of DL, equipment, registration violations and arrests;
- The sequence or method used for vehicle selection.

6-6.8 The Crime Analyst Unit or the Police Chiefs' designee will maintain the checkpoint statistical information captured on the Traffic Enforcement Report Form.

6-6.9 Criminal cases shall require a separate case number and be referred to the checkpoint case number.

6-6.10 Only uniformed personnel will conduct traffic checkpoints. *CFA 24.04 M (E)*

6-6.11 All personnel involved will be briefed by the supervisor in charge, to include but not limited to:

- The purpose of the checkpoint
- Safety precautions
- Assignments
- The planned vehicle stop sequence (the order in which vehicles will be stopped)
- The manner and procedure to be used when contact is made with the public

6-6.12 The supervisor in charge shall organize and correlate the availability of personnel and equipment, to provide for:

- The safety of the public;
- Transportation of arrested persons;
- The towing of vehicles;
- The collection of evidence;
- Breath testing and video operations;
- Other specialized personnel and equipment, as required.

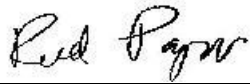
6-6.13 The supervisor in charge may temporarily discontinue operations in order to facilitate the safe flow of traffic. *CFA 24.04 M (C,D)*

6-6.14 Officers will adhere to the guidelines set forth in Written Directive 6-4-12 *Traffic/Investigative Stop Data Collection (6-4.7 Violator Contacts.)*

- Inform the operator of the reason for the stop;
- Request the driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance of every vehicle;
- Adhere to the stopping sequence, unless an enforceable violation occurs;
- Be observant for signs of criminal activities;
- Conduct investigations at the designated location;
- Wear a reflective vest while controlling traffic.

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DATE: 6/26/12

Written Directive 6-6-12 Roadblocks and Checkpoints



**NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA
ROADBLOCKS AND CHECKPOINTS 6-6-01
Traffic Enforcement Report**

CASE NUMBER: ____/____/____

LOCATION (S): _____

METHOD OF VEHICLE SELECTION (every vehicle, every other vehicle, etc.) _____

ENFORCEMENT ACTION RESULTS:

CITATIONS _____ WARNINGS _____ F.I. CARDS _____

NOTICE TO APPEARS _____ ARRESTS _____

Driver License Citations _____

Equipment Citations _____

Registration Citations _____

Insurance Citations _____

Seat-belt Citations _____

Child Restraint Citations _____

PERSONAL INVOLVED ON SCENE:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) _____

10) _____

SUPERVISOR: _____

Forward to Crime Analysis Unit



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ROADBLOCKS AND CHECKPOINTS
Traffic Enforcement Notice

CASE NUMBER: _____/_____/_____

APPROXIMATE TIME AND DATE: _____

LOCATION (S): _____

TYPE OF ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS: _____

APPROXIMATE LENGTH (TIME: start and end) OF THE DETAIL: _____

METHOD OF VEHICLE SELECTION (every vehicle, every other vehicle, every third vehicle, etc.):

OFFICER COMPLETING NOTIFICATION: _____

SUPERVISOR AUTHORIZATION: _____