

**COUNTY OF MONROE
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

GENERAL ORDER POLICE BUREAU	DATE OF ISSUE September 11, 2024	EFFECTIVE DATE September 11, 2024	NO. 045-24
SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER Traffic Control & Direction		DISTRIBUTION Police Bureau Personnel	AMENDS
REFERENCE: NYSLEAP 47.3			RESCINDS 045-19

Purpose: To familiarize members regarding procedures necessary to ensure the safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians during situations dictating manual traffic control.

Policy: Members will ensure the safe and efficient passage of vehicles and pedestrians when manual direction of traffic becomes necessary.

I. Procedures

A. Certain situations may require members to manually direct traffic or manually operate traffic control signals. These situations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Major intersections where the traffic control signal is malfunctioning.
2. Motor vehicle accident scenes.
3. Disaster scenes (i.e., floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, etc.)
4. Major crime scenes.
5. Large civic or public events.
6. Major highway construction areas.
7. Adverse weather conditions (i.e., ice, heavy snow, rain).

B. Members will wear their issued high visibility reflective-type vest, high visibility reflective raincoat, or winter coat with high visibility reflective "Sheriff" flaps displayed, at all times when directing traffic or in the roadway controlling traffic. These items will be issued to all sworn Police Bureau personnel.

* C. Unless exigent circumstances exist, deputies will not leave their traffic posts until properly relieved or the necessity for traffic direction is no longer required.

D. Temporary traffic control devices such as barricades, portable stop signs, school zone signs, etc. may be utilized to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the following situations:

1. Large civic and sporting events.
2. Visits by dignitaries.
3. To temporarily replace traffic control signs that have been damaged.
4. To designate and control parade routes.
5. At scenes of natural disasters.
6. At intersections where traffic control devices are not operational, immediate repairs cannot be made, and at the discretion of local, county or state Department of Transportation.

Note: When it is determined that temporary traffic control devices are needed, a supervisor will contact the appropriate highway agency to arrange for the delivery and setup of such devices.

E. Fire Scene Responsibilities

1. Members responding to fire scenes will, upon arrival, determine the extent of the fire and the necessity to reroute traffic. When it is necessary to re-route traffic, deputies will work with the fire police if available, to prohibit non-essential traffic, prevent vehicles from driving over fire hoses, and to keep roadways clear for responding emergency vehicles.
2. Private vehicles belonging to volunteer firefighters will be directed to a specific area to park, so as not to interfere with responding emergency equipment.
3. Deputies will assist fire police with traffic control when needed by providing additional flares, utilizing emergency lighting on patrol vehicles, etc. When fire police are not available, deputies on scene will be responsible for traffic control.
4. Deputies will ensure that pedestrian traffic does not interfere with the firefighting duties and shall provide crowd control as needed.

By Order of the Sheriff,



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* Indicates change from previous order.