



Traffic Safety Bulletin

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FRED RICE, Superintendent of Police

WHERE'S THE DAMAGE?



The sheetmetal is straight, but two officers were injured (note windshield) and damage to the undercarriage would equal one months pay.

Use extreme caution when leaving the roadway. Numerous obstructions exist in abandoned parking lots, gas stations, railroad property, etc. When driving through empty lots or on Park District property beware of tall grass or weeds which may conceal a post, a tree trunk or concrete block. Driving over such objects, with a height of 7 inches or more, can cause extensive damage to undercarriage components such as control arms, oil pans and transmissions.

ARE YOU AWARE?

Studies of collisions between motor vehicles and bicycles have revealed that over 50% occur at intersections and 70% occur during daylight hours with 50% between 1600 and 1800 hours.

BEAT MEN, TRAFFIC MEN

Chapter 27-293 of the City of Chicago Traffic Regulations, states "Bicyclists are subject to ALL traffic regulations and ordinances applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application."

WANTED: ALIVE!



JOHNNY MUNCHKIN

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Subject was last seen driving in the middle of the street, failing to yield right of way, and disregarding traffic signs and signals. Use extreme caution - - subject is of small stature and able to conceal himself between parked autos and surprise motorists. If apprehended, give oral reprimand. Auth: Department Traffic Safety Section.

Beat officers and 3 wheelers patrolling Park District property, especially the lakefront, should exercise care when driving on bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways. Many people flock to the beaches and parks during the warm weather carrying portable radios or wearing Walkman type headphones and are unaware of your approaching vehicle.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

Field supervisors are reminded of their responsibilities when assigned by the Communication Operations Section to monitor a Motor Vehicle Pursuit as per G.O. 81-8, Add. 1A, Section 6-D-4.

- monitor and evaluate the circumstances surrounding the pursuit.
- determine whether the seriousness of the offense justifies continuation.
- direct that the pursuit be terminated whenever it is determined that the hazards involved do not justify continuation.
- notify all members involved in the pursuit to return to normal duty when terminated, except the member(s) required to process the incident.
- complete the "monitoring supervisor" section of the Traffic Pursuit Report and forward it to the initiating member's unit commanding officer of exempt rank.