



# Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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FRED RICE, Superintendent of Police

**LET'S DO IT TO THEM,  
BEFORE THEY DO IT TO US**



Every time a Holiday weekend comes around we hear about the increase in the number of traffic related deaths, never thinking it could happen to us. Both officers involved in this accident were seriously injured by a drunk driver (van) on a holiday weekend. The period between Thanksgiving and New Years Day signals a sharp increase in the number of drunk drivers, and hopefully our DUI enforcement activities will reflect this increase. Every time a DUI is arrested it's like taking a gun off the street, which can be used to kill someone. Remember, the life you save may be your own.

## TEN ONE

by

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When the flashing blue lights go bowling  
Down the alleys and the lanes  
And the squad car, squealing, wailing  
As the tires squeak their pain—  
When the radio comes rumbling  
And the words are on the run  
As the syllables come numbling  
And the call is yelled ten one  
A coppers down and dying  
Where the corner meets the street  
And the squad is crashed and twisted  
In a burning flaming sheet  
When the body is flung and shattered  
And the battered windshield breaks  
His blood and brains are splattered  
While his head decapitates  
The call that came was tardy  
At the end when all was done  
For the copper died on impact  
With his seat belts still unstrung.

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A thorough preliminary investigation of traffic accidents by field units has a direct effect on the success of the follow-up investigation of ALL serious Personal Injury and Fatal Accidents by personnel of the Major Accident Investigation Section. MAIS should be notified IMMEDIATELY via the C.O.S., Pax 9-6271, or Bell 4824.

When conducting a preliminary investigation of a traffic accident, avoid the following errors:

- (1) illegible reports
- (2) incomplete or incorrect driver information
- (3) incorrect license plate information
- (4) no telephone number listed for victim or witness
- (5) no description of wanted vehicle or offender

SUPERVISORS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS ARE CORRECT AND COMPLETE BEFORE APPROVING THEM.

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## SAFETY QUIZ

If a DUI suspect does not wish to submit to alternative testing (blood or urine) after taking an inconclusive breathalyzer test, a refusal form must be completed by the arresting officer?

a. TRUE    b. FALSE

ANSWER: a. True