



Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



POLICE OFFICER SAVED BY THE BELT!!!

They call them accidents because you never know when they will happen, and unlike many other life threatening situations that a police officer faces, the traffic accident is the least anticipated.

This accident was unavoidable, a drunk driver made a left turn in front of the police vehicle. Fortunately the officer was wearing seat belts and received only minor injuries. More importantly, he credits them with saving his life.

Dear Safety Man,

Recently we handled a bus accident which had over 30 injuries, this required 7 pages of traffic accident reports. Is it possible to list multiple injuries as this on a Supplementary Report?

No, according to the Traffic Accident Report General Instructions, for more than four persons "if more space is needed, use an additional form changing Witness/Person No. 1 to No. 5, etc." A Supplementary Report is used only for additional information or investigation at a later date or time.

Dear Safety Man,

Is it true that the new law requires that all school buses be equipped with seat belts?

Under Municipal Code 27-342.2 school buses shall be equipped with seat belt safety systems. It also states that "No school bus shall be operated unless the driver of the school bus has properly adjusted and fastened the seat safety belts of all student passengers." This ordinance shall be enforced as a secondary action when the driver of the school bus has been detained for some other offense.

ARE YOU AWARE?

The member who has initiated a motor vehicle pursuit or is the first member of this Department to participate in a pursuit by a law enforcement agency of another jurisdiction, will complete the driver section of the Traffic Pursuit Report and submit it before the end of the tour of duty to the monitoring supervisor.

The monitoring supervisor assigned to the pursuit by the Communications Operations Section dispatcher will complete the supervisor section of the Traffic Pursuit Report and forward the report to the initiating member's unit commanding officer of exempt rank.

ARE YOU AWARE?

A recent survey by traffic court personnel has revealed the following errors regarding DUI reports:

- A. Alcoholic Influence Report
 - 1. Reports are being submitted without the Watch Commander's approval as required in Box 24.
 - 2. Box 2 "CT. RM/KEY" calls for court room and key. Officers are neglecting to indicate the room number.
- B. Report of Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test
 - 1. Desk Sergeants are failing to complete the bottom portion of only the first and fifth copies of the formset.

TRAFFIC GALLIMAUFRY???

Unscramble these four words and arrange the circled letters to form an answer for the question below.

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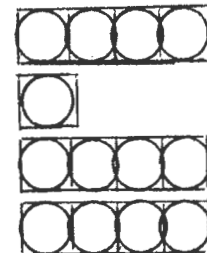
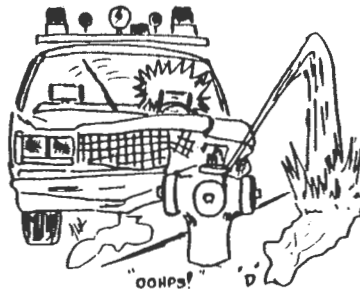
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How to avoid windshield damage?