



Traffic Safety Bulletin

We Serve and Protect

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Remember when you could buy gas for 28 cents a gallon, and a 1966 Chevy Impala would cost you about \$2,600? Well, gas is about \$1.15 a gallon now, if you pump it yourself; and a 1986 Chevy will set you back about \$10,000 (base price). So it's no wonder that most of us are keeping our cars longer and trying to get as much mileage as possible out of them. Similarly, the Department would also like to get as much mileage out of their vehicles as possible. The police budget for maintenance of its' vehicles is well over 10 million dollars annually. This includes repairs, fuel, car washes, license plates, etc.. With this in mind we urge all Department vehicle operators to drive in a safe and courteous manner, not only to save money, but also to save lives.

SEAT BELTS  SAVE LIVES

A REPORT THAT COUNTS

The Traffic Accident Report is the foundation for all accident information in Chicago. The information is used by the courts, the police, and by traffic engineers.

Accident information on the report is used in determining where traffic signals are installed and if roadway improvements are necessary. Between 50 and 100 million dollars are spent each year to make our roads safer. Thorough and exact information will ensure the money is used where it is needed most.

The accurate completion of the Traffic Accident Report is a far-reaching form of saving lives, and it depends on you.



Under "Vehicle Action" I'll write in "Dumb Move"

ARE YOU AWARE?

Several officers have complained that some hospitals would not cooperate with the alternative testing procedures (taking of blood and urine samples) for DUI suspects. When this occurs, officers should attempt to have the arrestee tested as soon as possible at another hospital on the approved list (G.O. 82-13 Add. 1). Also, as outlined in Special Order 81-26, officers will notify their immediate supervisor and submit a To-From-Subject report to the Director, Research and Development Division. The report should include the following information: Date and Time, Name of hospital, Name and Address of Arrestee, Name(s) of Medical Personnel Contacted, and a Summary of the Incident to include the reason for refusal of testing. This procedure will enable the Department to maintain a better rapport which exists with these hospitals and also permit a rapid investigation of such cases.