



Traffic Safety Bulletin

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SURF'S UP



The department's experimental amphi-patrol car, the TCVL-PRS (acronym for This Cop Vehicle Lost-Please Radio Sergeant) failed its first test when it unsuccessfully attempted to cross Lake Michigan.

Actually, the driver of this vehicle entered an area not intended for motorized patrol. This lakefront location along with many abandoned lots throughout the city are filled with debris which can disable the typical police cruiser which has a ground clearance of approx. 7 inches. Drivers are urged to use caution when leaving the roadway. Driving on sand or turf soaked by rain allows for even less clearance and can cause needless damage to suspension parts, oil pans, and exhaust systems. Accidents such as these cost the Department many thousands of dollars every year.

