

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Traffic Administration

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Title: Traffic Division

Approved By:

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PURPOSE

To establish the responsibility and procedures for the formulation of the selective enforcement function of the Hamden Police Department.

POLICY

The ultimate goal of the selective traffic enforcement program of the Hamden Police Department is to reduce traffic accidents. This objective is achieved through the assignment of personnel and equipment based on statistical information provided by the Traffic Division and the establishment of preventive patrol to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.

Procedures

A. Responsibility of the Traffic Division Supervisor.

1. The Traffic Division Sergeant will be primarily responsible for formulating the department's selective traffic enforcement function.
2. He will be responsible for compiling a Traffic Records system, which will contain:
 - a. Traffic accident data.
 - b. Traffic enforcement data.
 - c. Roadway hazard report.
 - d. Traffic safety programs.
 - e. Traffic volume data.
 - f. Traffic enforcement activity reports.

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3. The data necessary to maintain the Traffic Records System will be obtained from the data processing section and other studies and surveys.
 4. He will also be responsible for analyzing accident and enforcement data, taking into account:
 - a. Geographic area.
 - b. Volume of traffic.
 - c. Kinds of vehicles involved.
 - d. Environmental factors.
 - e. Types of violations.
 - f. Day of week and hourly distribution of accidents.
 5. He will also act as the department's liaison with traffic safety groups.
 6. He will also be responsible for submitting to the Deputy Chief an accident/enforcement data analysis report to aid in the distribution of personnel and equipment.
 - a. The report will be on an annual basis unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police or the Deputy Chief.
- B. Handling of Complaints Concerning Traffic Violations or High Accident Areas.**
1. Complaints will be accepted via mail, email, Mayors Officer help line, phone or walk in and will be referred to the Traffic Division.
 2. Traffic Supervisor will research existing data to substantiate the complaint.
 3. If existing data or information gathered by the Traffic Division identifies an enforcement problem, the Traffic Division will deploy personnel and equipment, as necessary, to attempt to alleviate the problem.
- C. Evaluation.**
1. On an annual basis, the Traffic supervisor will conduct an evaluation to ascertain the effectiveness of the selective traffic law enforcement effort.