



GREENVILLE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## GENERAL ORDERS

## TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL

### PURPOSE:

The Sheriff's Office limits traffic direction and control activities, primarily concentrating its efforts on school crossings and special events that generate unusually high levels of traffic. Non-sworn crossing guards primarily perform traffic direction at school crossings. Special event traffic control is performed by sworn deputies and non-sworn cadets. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and municipal authorities are responsible for conducting traffic surveys to determine locations for point traffic control.

### REFLECTIVE VESTS:

All sworn and non-sworn personnel who may be engaged in manual traffic direction and control are to be trained in uniform signals and gestures to enhance driver and pedestrian recognition of such signals. All personnel directing traffic are to wear a high-visibility, reflective vest or foul weather gear whether on regular duty or secondary employment.

### TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS:

Normally, SCDOT personnel manually operate automatic traffic control signals on public highways to expedite traffic movement. Deputies who have access may manually operate traffic control signals to relieve traffic congestion.

### SPECIAL EVENT TRAFFIC:

At all special events where the Sheriff's Office has primary responsibility for on-site traffic control, a contingency plan is to be developed to cover:

1. Coordination with SCHP.
2. Entrance and exit of vehicles.
3. Parking.
4. Spectator control.
5. Public transportation.
6. Relief for deputies on point traffic control.
7. Alternate route(s) for through traffic.
8. Emergency vehicle access.
9. Temporary traffic controls.

### FIRE SCENE TRAFFIC:

The on-scene deputy is to work closely with the ranking fire commander on-scene. Private vehicles, even those of volunteer firemen, are to be directed away from the immediate vicinity of fire trucks. **Vehicles are not to be allowed to drive over fire hoses.**

As soon as possible, a traffic control point is to be set up away from the fire to detour non-emergency traffic. Parked vehicles interfering with fire operations may be towed as needed.

**INCLEMENT/ADVERSE  
WEATHER:**

During periods of extremely adverse weather, deputies may have to assist SCHP in directing traffic around road obstructions, such as downed power lines or trees. Whenever a deputy locates a weather related road hazard/obstruction, he/she is to immediately notify Communications and request the assistance of state, county, or utility work crews. The deputy is to stand by a hazardous obstruction to direct traffic until either a temporary barrier can be erected or the obstruction removed. Serious hazards/obstructions are to be reported to a **Public Information Officer** who will notify the news media to alert the public to detours.

**ESCORTS:**

Traffic assistance may be provided to:

1. Dignitaries.
2. Oversized vehicles.
3. Hazardous or unusual cargo.

**Emergency escort of injured persons to a medical facility is not permitted.** The deputy is to render first aid, and radio for EMS to respond and transport.

  
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Hobart Lewis, Sheriff