

**CITY OF FERGUSON  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

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**TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION**

**478.00 PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this General Order to establish processes and procedures for the administration of Department wide traffic related responsibilities and services.

**478.01 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department to promote traffic safety programs through the thorough investigation and analysis of traffic crashes, pro-active enforcement of traffic violations, providing educational programs to the community, and interaction with roadway engineers to improve hazardous conditions.

**478.02 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRAFFIC FUNCTION**

- A. The Division of Field Operations is primarily responsible for traffic function and safety. This will be carried out in such a manner as to be flexible enough to meet the demands of selective enforcement, congestion relief, and traffic control measures.
- B. Shift commanders will use data available through Department records, officer observations, and citizen complaints, to aid in traffic safety and traffic movement measures by their platoons.
- C. Supervisors:
  - 1. Are responsible for the traffic safety function;
  - 2. Will direct personnel to meet the Department's Goals for traffic Safety and enforcement;
  - 3. Will provide direct supervision at the scene of crashes involving fatalities, serious injury, or hazardous material situations;
  - 4. Will direct and coordinate selective enforcement activities with their platoons.

D. Officers:

1. Are responsible for traffic safety;
2. Will fully investigate and report traffic crashes they observe or to which they are assigned;
3. Will be alert to violations of traffic laws and ordinances, and will take appropriate enforcement actions when violations are observed;
4. Will immediately report hazardous conditions, malfunctioning, damaged, or missing traffic control devices, street lights malfunctioning, or other conditions that pose a threat to traffic safety.

**478.03 TRAFFIC SAFETY**

A. The Department has a Traffic Safety officer within the Division of Administration.

B. Duties of the Traffic Safety Officer:

1. This officer will receive additional training in traffic crash investigation, traffic enforcement and special traffic programs;
2. Implementation of enforcement programs;
3. Coordination of DWI enforcement Programs;
4. Procure and maintain specialized equipment;
5. Development and supervision of traffic safety related grants.

**478.04 TRAFFIC RECORD SYSTEM, CONTENTS AND REVIEW**

- A. The processing, maintenance, and distribution of traffic records are the responsibility of the Ferguson Police Department Records Division.
- B. The Records Division will retain traffic accident reports for a period of five years under normal circumstances and seven years if there is a felony involved.
- C. The Records Division will disseminate reports from the "Law Enforcement Traffic System" (L.E.T.S.) upon request based upon Missouri Sunshine Law Regulations. A fee will be charged for each report based on regulated scales for agency reports.
- D. Officers will complete reporting on the "Law Enforcement Traffic System" (L.E.T.S.) program. Supervisors will then approve the reports.

GENERAL ORDER 478.00

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By order of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colonel Thomas Jackson".

COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON

Chief of Police

Distribution

All Department Personnel

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