

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

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TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL

485.00 PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish procedures for traffic direction and control within the City of Ferguson by Ferguson Police Department personnel.

485.01 POLICY

Officers of the Ferguson Police Department will perform traffic direction and control functions as outlined in this General Order, to ensure the safe and efficient movement and control of vehicles and pedestrians within the City.

485.02 PROCEDURES

A. Division of Field Operation

1. Traffic Direction and Control Responsibilities
 - a. Provide traffic direction and control during emergency conditions.
 - b. Provide traffic direction and control at the scene of motor vehicle crashes to protect emergency responders while maintaining a flow of traffic when applicable.
 - b. Enforce emergency rules (within legal constraints) to expedite the flow of traffic during conditions when normal traffic rules are inadequate.
 - c. Provide travel aid (e.g., direction) to motorists unfamiliar with the community.
2. Equipment
 - a. In order to enhance officer safety and driver recognition and response, each officer will be issued and required to wear reflective clothing at

all times, while directing traffic or in the roadway controlling traffic:

1. A reflective traffic vest,
2. A reversible raincoat with one side being of a high visibility color.
3. All officers will be instructed in the use of uniform hand signals and gestures to enhance driver and pedestrian recognition and response to their directions.
4. The 2012 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is posted in the muster room. To view the 2012 MUTCD and related information, go to <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno> .

B. Temporary Traffic Control Devices

1. The proper utilization of temporary traffic control devices (e.g., movable barriers, portable stop signs) will be determined by the shift supervisor.
2. When the decision is made to utilize such devices, the Ferguson Street Department will be responsible for their deployment.

C. Traffic Direction and Control for Special Events

1. Contingency plans for traffic direction and control during special events will be issued by the Commander of Field Operations or his designee and will address, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Ingress and egress of vehicles and pedestrians;
 - b. Provisions for parking;
 - c. Provisions for spectator control;
 - d. Provisions for public transportation;
 - e. Provisions for the news media;
 - f. Alternate routes for through traffic;
 - g. Temporary traffic controls and parking prohibitions;
 - h. Emergency vehicle access.

D. Traffic Direction and Control at Fire Scenes

1. Traffic direction and control at fire scenes will be the responsibility of the Ferguson Police Department.
2. Officers at the scenes of fires will ensure that all police vehicles are parked in a manner that does not inhibit firefighting operations.
3. Officers on the scene of fire and EMS operations on the interstate highway should ensure traffic lanes are opened whenever possible and provide traffic direction and control away from fire and EMS personnel. This may require a request to move a fire department vehicle. In this event, a police supervisor should make the request to a fire department supervisor.

E. Traffic Direction and Control during Adverse Road and Weather Conditions

1. Traffic Safety Officer and Uniformed Patrol Officer Duties and Responsibilities
 - a. Make an onsite determination as to the necessary notifications, equipment and barriers.
 - b. Advise a supervisor of the situation.
 - c. Advise Communications to contact the appropriate agencies needed to alleviate the hazard if appropriate.
 - d. Advise Communications if conditions warrant the closing or limiting the access of a road.
2. Duties of Dispatch
 - a. Contact and advise the appropriate agencies (e.g., Public Utility Companies, State, County or City Street Departments).
 - b. Advise the Shift Supervisor.
 - c. Advise the Ferguson Fire Departments of any closed or obstructed roadways.
 - d. Notify adjacent community police agencies where appropriate.

F. Traffic Direction and Control for Construction Road Jobs

When a request is made for traffic assistance at a roadway construction site, a supervisor will be notified and the request for assistance evaluated. Traffic safety officers should be utilized for traffic control functions when ever available. The assistance rendered to roadway construction sites should be of temporary nature, i.e., temporary roadway shut down to move

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equipment. Any requests for long-term traffic control should be made through the Office of the Chief of Police.

G. Escorts

Escorts may be provided for oversize loads, funerals and other special events at the discretion of the shift supervisor. The supervisor will evaluate requests and assign the appropriate number of officers. Officers escorting funerals will ensure that traffic at an intersection is stopped in both conflicting directions before leading a procession through. Officers should have their emergency lights activated during an escort. Additional officers may be required for handling critical intersections if a large number of vehicles are involved in the procession. This section does not apply to the transportation of sick or injured persons in emergency situations; that issue is covered in General Order 404.00.

H. Training

The supervisors of the Division of Field Operations will semi-annually review Traffic Direction and Control Function to their respective squads. The training will be documented by the supervisor.

By order of:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colonel Thomas Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Colonel" written in a smaller, more formal script than the last name "Jackson".

COLONEL THOMAS JACKSON
Chief of Police

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