



TALKING POINTS IN SUPPORT OF TRAFFIC SAFETY POSITION STATEMENT

- Traffic safety is public safety.
- A comprehensive traffic safety engagement program consisting of enforcement, public information & education and coordination with engineering and EMS produces positive outcomes by reducing traffic crashes and violations and the negative impact (deaths, injuries, economic costs) that they cause.
- Many crashes are caused by hazardous moving violations such as impaired driving, speeding, non-compliance of traffic control devices, etc. and law enforcement's primary traffic enforcement focus is on such offenses. However, even minor violations such as uninspected vehicles which could have inadequate brakes, bald tires, defective lighting and other equipment violations can contribute to crashes and as such may also warrant enforcement.
- Traffic stops should always be based on observing a violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law or legitimate police information re: a vehicle description.
- Traffic enforcement also has the potential to reduce and/or prevent criminal activity. In some instances, a traffic stop may result in additional and necessary charges such as possession of firearms, drugs, wanted persons, etc. However, a traffic stop should not be conducted solely as an excuse for an investigation/interrogation.
- Traffic enforcement should never be conducted simply for the purpose of issuing tickets and/or revenue generation, instead it must focus on terminating offenses, eliminating risks and educating motorists with the ultimate goal of voluntary compliance and safer roadways.
- Fair and balanced policing is a core value of our policing model. Ongoing training of personnel, a commitment to a culture of equity and fair and balanced policing and strong leadership and supervision are key principles to ensure that we deliver high-quality service to our community.
- We look forward to engaging with the public on this important mission to save lives, reduce harm and keep our communities safe. **Traffic safety is public safety!**

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