

UW Whitewater Police



Traffic Direction/ Control Procedures

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this general order is to specify procedures for traffic direction and control.

II. Definitions

Special Event: An activity, such as a parade, festival, athletic contest, or public demonstration that results in the need for control of traffic or crowds.

III. Policy

It is the policy of the UW-Whitewater Police Department (UWWPD) that personnel will utilize the procedures outlined in this policy to allow for traffic direction and control that is safe for personnel and those being directed. It is further the policy of UWWPD that any personnel directing traffic, or in a roadway controlling traffic, shall wear reflective clothing at all times.

IV. Procedure

- A. **Reflective Clothing:** During traffic direction and control, personnel shall wear high visibility reflective vests or high visibility jackets in addition to their full uniform. Guardian Angel lights may be used to further enhance officer visibility.
 1. UWWPD provides high visibility reflective vests and/or jackets to all personnel who may be assigned to provide manual traffic direction and control functions.
 2. It is the responsibility of all the department to have high visibility reflective vests or jackets available for personnel during on-duty hours. Department issued rain coats with high visibility reflective patterns may also be used as high visibility clothing in rainy weather.
- B. **Collision/Crash Scenes:** Officers who perform traffic direction and control activities at collision scenes shall allow for the safe ingress and egress of emergency vehicles and provide for a system of alternative routes for other vehicles, as necessary. Police vehicles with activated lights, flares, traffic cones, and barricades may be used by officers to aid in protecting the collision scene.
- C. **Traffic Direction and Control at Critical Incidents:** Department personnel engaged in traffic direction and control services at critical incidents are to maintain access avenues to and from the scene for emergency vehicles while maintaining a secure outer perimeter.

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1. Dispatch will notify the City of Whitewater, City of Janesville, Walworth County, and/or Jefferson County of a critical incident with a request to reroute traffic if necessary.
 2. Officers should coordinate their efforts with responding agencies at critical incident scenes to provide adequate safety measures for vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- D. **Adverse Road and Weather Conditions:** Upon discovering adverse road or weather conditions, department personnel shall take appropriate action as call volume dictates.
1. Adverse road and weather conditions may include collision hazards, acts of nature such as fog or snow storms, debris in roadway and engineering hazards.
 2. Department personnel action may include notifying FP&M via phone, City of Whitewater Public Works via dispatch, Janesville City Public Works for UW-Rock County–related concerns, providing traffic control as needed, protecting the scene as appropriate, or immediately rectifying the situation where feasible.
- E. **Traffic Signal Repairs:** Police officers are neither trained nor equipped to make traffic signal repairs or adjustments to timing cycles. All traffic signal issues will be referred to the City of Whitewater or to the City of Janesville.
- F. **Temporary Traffic Control Devices:** Temporary traffic control devices include movable barriers, portable signs, traffic cones and other similar apparatus intended to assist in the safe and efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
1. These items may be placed and removed by Department personnel when special traffic needs are identified.
 2. Temporary traffic control devices may be used when there have been sustained power outages which render traffic control signals inoperative, during special events, in the event of collisions, during critical incidents, and during other situations when deemed necessary.
- G. Campus Service Officers (CSO) will assist under the direction of the on-duty supervisor or officer on duty as needed.