

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy: 10-3

TRAFFIC CONTROL & DIRECTION

Effective: 01-01-09

Revised: 05-02-19

PURPOSE: To establish policy regarding the use of safety equipment when an officer is on duty.

POLICY: It is the policy of this Department that officers engaged in traffic control or collision investigations shall wear high visibility clothing when working in or near a moving traffic environment.

PROCEDURES:

I. PROCEDURES FOR TRAFFIC DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Officers assigned to traffic control responsibilities shall ensure that the following guidelines are complied with:

- A. At the scene of traffic collisions, the responding officer shall follow guidelines in Policy 104: Motor Vehicle Collision Investigations. If traffic control devices are used (ex. portable signage, barricades, etc.), they shall be placed with respect to hill crests and curves as well as other obstructions so as to be sure that they will be seen.
- B. Uniform hand signals and gestures will be used for manual traffic direction and control.
- C. At fire scenes these guidelines will be followed:
 1. Jacksonville Fire Department will request the assistance of an officer at the scene of a fire;
 2. The officer will assist to block off access to the scene by either rerouting the traffic flow or directing the traffic past the scene in a safe manner;
 3. Officers should take care to prevent vehicles from driving over hoses or blocking hydrants. If possible, block access to these areas; and
 4. Pedestrians should not be allowed access to a fire scene unless permission is granted by fire personnel.
- D. During periods of adverse road and weather conditions, flashlights, traffic cones, and additional personnel will be utilized when needed.
- E. The circumstances warranting manual operation of traffic control devices would be for the following, but not limited to:
 1. Inoperable traffic control signs;
 2. Roadway maintenance;
 3. Major traffic congestion; and
 4. Escorts.
- F. Temporary traffic control devices are to be erected only upon the direction of the shift supervisor. Movable barriers, temporary signs, etc. may be used to protect the scene and to detour traffic if necessary.

II. HIGH VISIBILITY CLOTHING (7.19)

- A. The Jacksonville Police Department will issue each officer a high visibility reflective vest that meets current ANSI/ISEA standards and reflective raincoat.
- B. Personnel will wear their high visibility reflective vest/raincoat when it is necessary for them to be in or near the roadway, such as when directing traffic, i.e. parades, special events, DWI checkpoints, conducting motor vehicle collision investigations, or any other event that causes an officer to be in the roadway.
- C. Some emergency situations may require an individual to assume traffic direction