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SUBJECT: ROAD CHECKS

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/13/2005 REVISED DATE:

I. PURPOSE:

To establish procedures governing the use and implementation of Road Checks

II. SCOPE:

These guidelines shall apply in instances where a road check is implemented.

III. POLICY:

The authority to establish or cancel a Road Check shall belong only to the SHERIFF, CHIEF DEPUTY OR DIVISION CAPTAIN

IV. ROAD CHECKS

A. Scheduling Road Checks.

1. Division Captains will schedule road checks to verify drivers licenses, insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle equipment, and enforce all traffic and criminal laws.

B. Conducting Road Checks.

1. Road checks must be conducted pursuant to a plan developed by supervisory personnel that establishes explicit and neutral criteria for all aspects of the road check. For example, a road check plan can be used for checking each vehicle, checking every third vehicle, or checking every fifth vehicle. Whichever method is used, it must be consistent for that particular road check.

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C. Officers Conducting Road Checks.

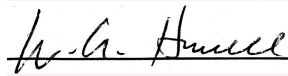
1. There must be a minimum of **two uniformed officers** at a road check. A Sergeant may hold a road check with a trooper or a city/county police officer.

D. Night Road Checks.

1. The Captain shall approve road checks conducted at night.
2. Selection of location shall take into account sight distance and lighting available or provided at the scene.
3. At least one Sergeant supervisor shall participate.
4. A minimum of **four law enforcement officers** must be present.
5. All deputies participating in the road check shall wear reflective traffic vests.

E. Completion of Road Checks.

1. After a road check is completed, a Road Check report must be completed. This report should include the following information:
 - a. Date and time.
 - b. Location.
 - c. Number of arrests.
 - d. Number of Warnings.
 - e. Number of DUI arrests.
 - f. Number of Deputies.
 - g. Number of Patrol Hours.
 - h. Number of Motorist assists.
 - i. Number of Patrol Miles.
 - j. Number of Vehicles Stopped.
 - k. Unusual Occurrences (e.g. unusually high number of accidents and /or extremely severe accidents, drug arrests, manhunts, etc.)



W. A. HARRELL
SHERIFF

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