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SUBJECT: STOP STICKS

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/13/2006

REVISED DATE:

I. PURPOSE:

II. SCOPE:

These guidelines shall apply to all personnel issued "Stop Sticks."

III. POLICY:

Authorized personnel using Department Issued Stop Sticks shall set up a roadblock as prescribed in this SOP and shall adhere to the following guidelines.

A. Use of three foot "Stop Sticks" in pursuit situations.

1. Place your commission at a location conducive to the proper operation of the roadblock where you can use it as protection from the fleeing vehicle.
2. Assemble and position the three foot "Stop Sticks" with the nylon cord attached.
3. Connected or disconnected three foot "Stop Sticks" may be tossed into the path of a pursued vehicle, when inappropriate to use the guidelines described above.

B. The three foot "Stop Stick" is designed to puncture a tire in motion. The unit is omni-directional allowing it to function regardless of which surface is impacted by a tire in motion.

C. Record the incident per SOP using the Vehicle Pursuit report form.

D. Commanders shall request replacement "Stop Sticks". A copy of the Vehicle Pursuit report shall be attached to the request.

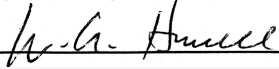
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- E. The Division commander shall keep in a secure place the deployed "Stop Stick" for a period of 180 days. At the end of this time frame, a request for disposal to the Enforcement Division shall be made. If there has been no Tort claims filed against the department as a result of the questioned "Stop Stick", the used "Stop Stick(s)" shall be returned to "Stop Stick, Inc.". If a Tort Claim has been filed against the department, the "Stop Stick(s)" shall remain in the possession of the appropriate commander; and
- F. If as a result of the pursuit and the deployment of the department issued "Stop Stick (s)" a criminal case is drawn, the "Stop Stick" shall be treated as a piece of evidence in a criminal investigation and will be handled as described in SOP I-050. Upon adjudication, the "Stop Stick (s)" shall be disposed of as prescribed in the above manner.
- G. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant department regulations, rules, policies and procedures.


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