



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #9

Providing Traffic Related Information and Services to Michigan Law Enforcement

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School Bus Stops and Equipment

With the school year upon us, law enforcement personnel should be aware of two items related to school busses:

- 1) A new LED Overhead Warning Light System. This system has two modes of operation, conventional and strobe. Both modes alternately flash on and off. The conventional mode is typical of an existing warning light system; while the strobe mode flashes four times within a 255-millisecond period and then stays off for 745-milliseconds, alternating from one side to the other. The visual effect is very similar to the rear deck emergency lights in a patrol vehicle. In addition to this strobe effect, the LED lights are notably brighter than conventional halogen or incandescent lights. This new system meets all applicable state and federal laws and standards for use in Michigan.
- 2) Please remember that [MCL 257.1855](#) allows for the use of hazard lights instead of flashing overhead red lights under certain conditions when pupils are not required to cross the road. See the Traffic Services Section [webpage](#) for additional information, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and to view a [slideshow](#).

Abandoned Vehicle Update Training—Additional Dates and Locations

Due to the overwhelming response to the training announced in [Field Update #8](#), four additional sessions have been scheduled. There is no cost to attend. Seating is limited. Due to time constraints, no other sessions will be scheduled before the October 1, 2005 changes in the law take effect. Consideration of future sessions will be based on response and feedback to the classes currently scheduled.

Location Changes for Delta College and Flat Rock

Delta College—the classroom has been changed to G-160. For those familiar with Delta, this is the auditorium where the police academy graduation is normally held.

Flat Rock—the location has been changed to the Community Center, 1 Maguire Drive. The new phone number for reservations and information is (734) 782-2496 Ext. 301.

Eastern Upper Peninsula

Monday, September 19, at the Michigan State Police (MSP) St. Ignace Post, 901 Graham Avenue. This session will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude before noon. For information and reservations, contact [Sgt. Amy Pendergraff](#), MSP St. Ignace Post, at (906) 643-7582.

Central Lower Peninsula

Thursday, September 22, at the Michigan State University Department of Public Safety, 87 Red Cedar Road, East Lansing. Free parking is available in Ramp 5/Lot 45 across from the department. This session will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude before 5 p.m. For information and reservations, contact [Insp. Mary Johnson](#), Michigan State University Department of Public Safety, at (517) 355-2225.

Northwest Lower Peninsula

Friday, September 23, at the [Kalkaska Memorial Hospital, Education Center](#), 419 South Coral Street, Kalkaska. This session will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude before noon. For information and reservations, contact [Helen Chew-Artress](#), Kalkaska Police Department, at (231) 258-9081 Ext. 10.

Northeast Lower Peninsula

Monday, September 26, at the Alpena Police Department, 501 West Chisholm Street. This session will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude before noon. For information and reservations, contact [Tracy Marquardt](#), Alpena Police Department, at (989) 356-3371.

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