

Basic Training Module Specifications

<u>Functional Area:</u>	V. Traffic
<u>Subject Area:</u>	B. Vehicle Stops
<u>Module Title:</u>	4. STOPPING VEHICLES AND OCCUPANT CONTROL
<u>Hours:</u>	Not less than 8 hours

Notes to Instructor:

During approaches, consider detailing driver side and passenger side approaches and conducting a risk assessment inside and outside of the vehicle.

Module Objectives:

- V.B.4.1. Stop Vehicles to Investigate Traffic Violations.
- a. Selects a safe location to stop the vehicle:
    - (1) an area that does not create a traffic hazard;
    - (2) an area open to the view of other motorists;
    - (3) an area which enhances personal safety.
  - b. Stops the vehicle using appropriate procedures:
    - (1) signals violator using lights and/or siren;
    - (2) positions patrol vehicle properly, i.e., behind and offset from violator vehicle;
    - (3) notifies dispatch of location of stop, reason for stop and license number of violator vehicle.
  - c. Approaches the vehicle using proper safety precautions:
    - (1) observes occupants before exiting patrol vehicle;
    - (2) illuminates vehicle with headlights, spotlight and/or flashlight;
    - (3) continues observing occupants while approaching vehicle and throughout the stop;
    - (4) maintains a position that keeps the violator off balance.
  - d. Maintains control throughout traffic stop:
    - (1) including vehicle occupants;
    - (2) remains alert for unexpected occurrences.

V.B.4.2. Stop Vehicle to Investigate Possible Felony.

- a. Notifies dispatch upon observing a felony suspect; gives:
  - (1) identifies police unit;
  - (2) location of the contact;
  - (3) description of vehicle and occupants; and
  - (4) direction of travel;
  - (5) documents information on pad to be left in patrol vehicle.
  
- b. Selects location for vehicle stop:
  - (1) an area that does not create a traffic hazard;
  - (2) an area open to the view of other motorists;
  - (3) an area which enhances personal safety.
  
- c. Stops the vehicle using appropriate procedures:
  - (1) waits for backup, if second unit is available;
  - (2) signals suspect using lights and siren;
  - (3) positions patrol vehicle properly:
    - (a) primary unit behind and offset to the right of suspect vehicle;
    - (b) backup unit behind and offset to the left of suspect vehicle;
    - (c) where no backup unit is available, position vehicle behind offset to the left, angled such that the engine block is between the officer and suspect;
  - (4) notifies dispatch of the location of stop.
  
- d. Takes command of the suspects at the stop:
  - (1) driver of primary patrol unit assumes command of the felony stop;
  - (2) officers position themselves using patrol vehicles for cover;
  - (3) advises suspects they are under arrest;
  - (4) orders suspects to:
    - (a) place hands in view and remain in the vehicle; and
    - (b) turn off engine and throw keys from car.
  
- e. Removes suspects from stopped vehicle:
  - (1) suspects are ordered out of the stopped vehicle on the left side beginning with the driver;
  - (2) suspects are ordered to walk backward to a position between the patrol units;
  - (3) handcuffs and searches suspect(s).
  
- f. Secures suspect vehicle:
  - (1) approaches vehicle from right side under cover of another officer;
  - (2) determines all suspects have been removed from the vehicle;
  - (3) searches vehicle for weapons, contraband and evidence;
  - (4) seizes the vehicle.

V.B.4.3. Interview Driver on a Traffic Stop.

- a. Evaluates driver's capability to operate the vehicle, observes for:
  - (1) coordination;
  - (2) speech, and
  - (3) manual dexterity.
- b. Determines the status of the driver's operator license.
- c. Determines the status of the operator's auto insurance.

V.B.4.4. Inspect Vehicles for Conformance with the Michigan Vehicle Code.

- a. Checks the vehicle to determine if the equipment required by the vehicle code is present and in proper operating condition by:
  - (1) visually inspecting it,
  - (2) physically inspecting it, or
  - (3) requesting motorist to operate it.
- b. Determines if the vehicle is unsafe to operate by comparing the operating condition of the equipment with the requirements of the vehicle code.
- c. Completes appropriate forms for vehicles that comply with the requirements of the vehicle code (e.g., completes form for vehicle as a station wagon, registers an out-of-state vehicle).
- d. Takes necessary enforcement action to bring about compliance with the vehicle code (e.g., issues citation, gives a verbal warning).

V.B.4.5. Participate in Roadblocks.

- a. Determines when it is reasonable to request a roadblock based on type of crime, location, adequacy of description of suspects/vehicles, etc.
- b. Positions police vehicle properly at roadblock site based on nature of terrain, roadway, avenues of escape for suspects, and the number of officers.
- c. Positions self and others properly to afford maximum protection from attack by subjects and hazards presented by passing traffic.
- d. Checks vehicles at roadblock site for wanted persons/property using appropriate procedures (e.g., stops vehicle, questions drivers/occupants, maintains radio contact, etc.).

**Module History**

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