

	SECTION:	OPERATIONS	OPR-261
	CHAPTER:	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	
	DIRECTIVE:	ACCIDENT ALERT	

261.01 SUMMARY

During times of inclement weather, traffic accidents occasionally increase to a level that impedes our ability to handle the call load. In response to these temporary increases in service demands, it becomes necessary to prioritize our response to traffic accidents. This directive outlines procedures for a "Traffic Accident Alert" status to be instituted by the Patrol Commander, Shift Supervisor, or designee.

261.02 PROCEDURES

REQUIRED RESPONSES – The "Traffic Accident Alert" may be activated by the on-duty Patrol Commander or Shift Supervisor when he/she determines the traffic accident call load has increased to a sufficient level to impede normal police service. The alert status will **not** affect police response to/for the following traffic accidents:

- Involving injury or death.
- Involving suspected intoxicated drivers.
- Requiring towing services.
- Hit and Run accidents involving injury or death.
- Involving City or other governmental vehicles or property.

On all other traffic accidents reporting parties will be instructed to exchange information (driver, vehicle, and insurance) and complete an accident report at the Police Department within 48 hours.

261.03 NOTIFICATIONS

The on-duty Patrol Commander or Shift Supervisor will notify the media when an alert is instituted. Once the call load has subsided, the alert will be cancelled and the media notified as soon as practical or possible.

