



**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Roll Call Training / Shift Briefing

M.P.D FORM 101

SUBJECT: Crash Investigation and DUI Reminders	REVISED: N/A	RESCINDS: N/A
REFERENCE or AUTHORITY: MNPD MANUAL 18.20 TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING AND 18.70 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ARREST	EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2019	DISTRIBUTION: All Personnel

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this rollcall training document is to remind MNPD personnel on the proper response and reporting of crashes and driving under the influence arrests. Additionally, this will provide reminders of the roll and capabilities of the Traffic Section.

In accordance with the current requirements, supervisors shall ensure all employees under their command are aware of this document, by having them sign a daily worksheet (MNPD Form 255, Daily Worksheet), or other component receipt form acknowledging they have received notice of the information and accept responsibility to follow the directive(s) contained herein.

II. KEY POINTS TO COVER DURING ROLL CALL TRAINING

- A.** Treat all fatal and life-threatening crash scenes as you would any other crime scene. Many times these crashes result in felony charges up to and including vehicular homicide.
- B.** Do not wait for the arrival of Traffic Section personnel to begin a DUI investigation at the scene of a crash. Any delay in obtaining evidence related to DUIs is detrimental to the prosecution of DUI, Vehicular Assault, and Vehicular Homicide cases.
- C.** While at the scene of these crashes, get as much information from witnesses as possible. This should include full name, phone number, and address. At a minimum, record this information on a supplement prior to witnesses leaving the scene. If possible, have the witnesses complete a written statement. If they are willing to stay until the arrival of crash investigators, this is preferred.
- D.** Please complete supplements with all of your actions and observations at the scene of the crash. If you do not complete your supplement at the scene, you can send it through Metro mail to the Traffic office.
- E.** When investigating hit and run crashes, include as much information as possible within the fields of the TITAN report, not just in the narrative. Due to the volume of hit and run cases, if you are able to solve the case in the field this is preferred. If

you have solved a hit and run crash or if the driver is known, do not place a hold on the vehicle. Only place a hold on the vehicle if it has evidentiary value.

- F. MNPD now has several active Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) available. The majority of the DREs are within the Traffic Section and there is at least one on each shift in Traffic. A DRE can be requested to evaluate a suspect that is under arrest for a DUI related charge, if the arresting officer has a reasonable belief the impairment is drug induced. The arresting officer should have already completed the SFSTs and placed the suspect under arrest. If the arresting officer believes that the impairment is not wholly attributed to alcohol, or if the suspect's BAC is below the statutory limit you can request a DRE. Anytime a suspect's level of impairment or performance on the SFSTs is not consistent with their alcohol concentration, the arresting officer should request the assistance of a DRE.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact:

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