

CITY OF BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT



All officers of the City of Bryon Police Department are expected to abide by all written communication directed to them, even when issued during their absence. All new policies and guidelines are not only provided as written copies, but verbally provided and discussed during roll calls and other meeting forums. Supervisors ensure personnel are familiar with all policy and guidelines and that all questions are clearly answered and fully understood. Written directives consist of; General and Special Orders, Special Operating Procedures, Memorandums, and other written directives issued and/or approved by the Chief of Police. The Byron Police Department has Special Orders and General Orders which outline in detail the guidelines and procedures to assist the officer in traffic enforcement. All department employees are required to be informed of and acknowledge the receipt of each written directive. All General and Special Orders are provided in hard copy form to each officer to be maintained in their Departmental Policy Continuity Book to be available for their review and reference. A copy is also maintained within the Policy Book located in the Patrol Room of the Department. This practice ensures that there is continuity in enforcement among the entire Department and is readily available when required.

General Order #5400. This order specifically addresses established uniform enforcement policies of traffic law violations for officers issuing written warnings and traffic citations to vehicle operators for speeding. **Section 04** of this order dictates that officers shall take action consistent with applicable laws whenever a violation is detected.

[See Attached General Order #5400](#)

General Order #5500. This order specifically addresses guidelines governing uniform INTERSTATE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT activities by members during Holiday Periods. **Section 02 sub 3** of this order dictates that officers shall participate in specialized patrols. These patrols operating under adjusted hours working concentrated patrols will take action consistent with applicable laws whenever a violation is detected for speeding.

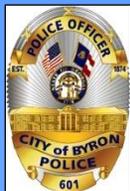
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General Order #5600. This order specifically addresses guidelines governing TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATION DIRECTION AND CONTROL. **Section 04** of this order dictates the use of Radar/Lidar and the Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. **Section 05** dictates Special Priority Enforcement for Speed Violations. **Section 16** dictates that Officers assigned to the Traffic Division are required to participate in educational and community awareness programs throughout the year regarding speed. **Section 17** dictates activities during Holiday Periods of the officers assigned to Traffic Division Unit. This order dictates that officers shall participate in specialized patrols. These patrols operating under adjusted hours working concentrated patrols will take action consistent with applicable laws whenever a violation is detected for speeding.

[See Attached General Order #5600](#)

General Order #5700. This order specifically addresses guidelines governing TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION. **Section 06** of this order ACCIDENT DATA is used for the purpose of reducing accidents within the community.

[See Attached General Order #5700](#)



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General Order #5100. This order specifically addresses established uniform enforcement policies for VEHICLE PURSUITS. This order dictates that officers shall take action consistent with applicable laws. See Attached General Order #5100

THE FOLLOWING IS COPY'S OF THE GENERAL ORDERS POLICY'S RELEVATE TO SPEED.

TRAFFIC WARNING, CITATIONS, AND ARREST BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT **GENERAL ORDERS #5400** TRAFFIC WARNINGS, CITATIONS, AND ARREST

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5400:00 POLICY:

The Byron Police Department has established uniform enforcement policies of traffic law violations for officers issuing written warnings and traffic citations to vehicle operators, pedestrians, or bicyclists. Enforcement action should seek to deter, detect and apprehend traffic law violators and can result in warnings, citations or physical arrest. The written warning, when the offense is not flagrant, may be sufficient to prevent the violator from repeating the offense. The citation is a more serious form of enforcement and is the basis for prosecution and ultimate adjudication of traffic offenses. It is essential that specific procedures be followed from the point that citation books are received by the Department through ultimate adjudication and disposition of each individual citation. Traffic law enforcement is designed to bring about voluntary compliance with traffic laws and reduce the number of traffic crashes. The ultimate objective of enforcement is to favorably alter the violator's future driving behavior, thus fostering a climate of safe driving throughout the community.

The Byron Police Department is definitely and unequivocally opposed to preferential treatment pertaining to adjudication of traffic cases in any manner by any agency, official, or person. Traffic law enforcement will not be used as a means to generate revenue for the department or the City of Byron.

5400:04 ZERO TOLERANCE - CITATION

1. SPEED VIOLATIONS:

Speed is one of the main causes of accidents. Officers shall take appropriate enforcement action for speeding violations. Officers shall use the verbal warning, written warning, and citation to have motorists voluntarily comply with traffic laws and regulations to ensure maximum reduction of accidents. When the violator is driving in excess of 15 M.P.H. above the posted speed limit, the issuance of a traffic citation is recommended.

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January 23, 2009

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INTERSTATE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT **GENERAL ORDERS #5500** INTERSTATE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

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5500:00 POLICY

This policy sets forth guidelines governing uniform Interstate Criminal Enforcement Unit activities by members. Interstate Criminal Enforcement activities shall, at all times, be consistent with the United States Constitution, the Constitution and laws of the State of Georgia, applicable federal laws and regulations, and policies of the Byron Police Department.

POLICY AGAINST RACIAL PROFILING

Members shall safeguard the rights of all persons. Factors such as race, color, religion, sex, and national origin shall not influence the members in the performance of their duties. Any reliance on race and/or ethnicity in articulating reasonable suspicion is prohibited, except in investigations in which race or ethnicity is part of an identifying description of a specific suspect.

This policy includes the following:

5500:02 OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Due to the high profile nature of cases worked within the Interstate Criminal Enforcement Unit, the following operational guidelines shall be established:

3. Holiday Period:

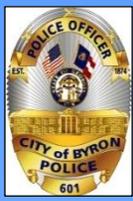
During the holiday seasons all members assigned to the unit are required to participate in specialized patrols. These patrols, commonly referred to as task forces, operate under adjusted hours and will be cracking down on the impaired and dangerous drivers who place hundreds of innocent lives in peril with high speeds and seat belt offenses. These task forces will hold joint road checks and combined concentrated patrols on connecting Interstates, highways, and streets throughout the city. The units will also support all Governors' Office of Highway Safety events locally and in other rural neighboring cities, through a cooperative approach to traffic enforcement.

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATION DIRECTION AND CONTROL BYRON POLICE DEPARTMENT **GENERAL ORDERS #5600** TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATION DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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5600:00 POLICY

It is the policy of the Byron Police Department to attain safety goals through traffic law enforcement, investigation, direction, and control. Among these goals is the reduction of traffic collisions, fatalities, and injuries. Another goal is to facilitate the safe and expeditious movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, accomplished through the public's voluntary compliance with traffic laws. It is the policy of this department to meet this goal through a combination of education, enforcement, engineering, and public support.

With the ever-increasing number of vehicles and operators on the roadways, traffic accidents will continue to occur. In an effort to limit the likelihood of accidents, it is essential to understand the importance of accident investigation and reporting. Data from such are the prime source of information for accident prevention programs. It is therefore imperative that proper information be gathered for use in planning, evaluating, and implementing efforts to achieve highway safety goals. Officers of this department shall familiarize themselves with the correct procedures for both reporting and investigating traffic accidents.

The Byron Police Department has assigned specific patrol officers with additional training to the Traffic Enforcement Unit. These officers share their time while working patrol to stringent enforcement of traffic laws, responding and investigating traffic accidents, educating the community, and meeting the goal of the department to reduce traffic accidents and deaths.

5600:04 RADAR/LIDAR

Officers using speed measuring device(s) shall be fully trained and certified before being authorized to use such devices for traffic law enforcement. This training shall be coordinated through the Chief of Police, or his designee. Maintenance and calibration records of Radar/Lidar units shall be kept by the Traffic Enforcement Unit.

a. PLACEMENT:

The placement of radar equipment at fixed posts shall be determined through both selective enforcement data analysis and prior knowledge. Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (S.M.A.R.T.) Trailer Program is provided by the Police Department as a service to our community. This is one of the proactive methods used in response to traffic complaints in residential areas. When Traffic Enforcement Unit receives complaints about speeding traffic, one of the ways to respond is to place S.M.A.R.T. in a conspicuous location for 2 to 3 days. As vehicles pass the trailer, their speed is displayed in large numbers. It often finds

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that the majority of vehicles passing the trailer are well within the speed limit, with only a few vehicles causing the majority of the complaints.

The Unit also utilizes the trailer in areas of frequent traffic related accidents and speeding offenses. This trailer is designed to inform motorists of their speed as it relates to the posted speed limit.

5600:05 SPECIAL PRIORITY ENFORCEMENT

The primary responsibility for the enforcement of traffic laws and regulations rests with the traffic division. However, all sworn officers, while on duty, shall take appropriate enforcement action for violations of traffic laws and regulations they observe.

2. SPEED VIOLATIONS:

Speed is one of the main causes of accidents. Officers shall take appropriate enforcement action for speeding violations.

5600:16 EVENTS

All officers assigned to Traffic Division are required to participate in educational and community awareness programs throughout the year. These programs consist of presentations, safety fairs scheduled by civic organizations and making other presentations as requested. Officers should educate in areas of Highway Safety such as on teen Driving Safety/Newly licensed, Child Safety Seats and the proper buckling up of children, speed, impaired and aggressive driving, etc.

5600:17 HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT

During holiday seasons, all officers assigned to the Traffic Division are required to participate in specialized patrols. These patrols, commonly referred to as task forces, could operate under adjusted hours and will be cracking down on the impaired and dangerous drivers who place hundreds of innocent lives in peril every year; including speeding, and seat belt offenses.

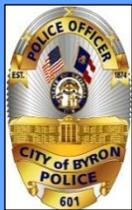
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

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5700:00 POLICY

The investigation of traffic accidents is necessary, not only to determine traffic law violations, but also to obtain engineering data, protect the rights of the individuals involved, and assist in traffic education. To ensure proper and complete investigation of accidents the following procedures will be utilized:

This policy includes the following:.....

5700:06 ACCIDENT REPORTING

ACCIDENT DATA: Provide a copy of the accident to the Traffic Enforcement Unit, which will allow them to utilize enforcement procedures for the purpose of reducing accidents within the community. The analyzed information should be based on accident data by:

1. Location
2. Time and violation factors
3. Fluctuations caused by seasonal variations that result in increases or decreases in traffic volume
4. Injuries

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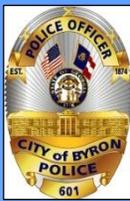
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VEHICLE PURSUITS

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5100:00 PURSUITS

Pursuit Driving: In contrast to emergency driving, the officer makes independent decisions on speed, direction and routes, with little choice except to remain close to the car that is being pursued.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and directions: for the establishment of responsibility for the safe operation of police vehicles during a pursuit; for the initiation or ceasing of pursuits; for the responsibility of participating officers and supervisor; and to provide the essential balancing of the necessity for the pursuit and more immediate apprehension of the fleeing subject against the risks involved with the pursuit which might include death, injury and/or property damage.

In fulfilling departmental objectives, officers will occasionally encounter dangerous subjects who will attempt to avoid capture by fleeing in motor vehicles. In these cases, officers should attempt to anticipate flight and utilize tactics to prevent a pursuit. If tactics to prevent a vehicle pursuit fail, tactics should be utilized to minimize the duration of the pursuit, and if possible, to influence the subject vehicle's direction in ways that reduce the risk of harm to others. Once initiated pursuits shall be monitored and assessed according to state statutes and this policy, also, to evaluate that the need to pursue balances with the risk and dangers of the pursuit itself.

5100:04 INITIATING THE PURSUIT

I. Due to the often unknown causation of an individual's reason for attempting to elude police combined with due regard for the safety of the general public and the responsibility to apprehend offenders, Officers shall only initiate a pursuit:

A. When there is reasonable suspicion that the driver and/or occupant of vehicle has committed or is about to commit a forcible felony.

B. When there is evidence of outrageous, reckless driving generally or possibly in association with driving under the influence and these observations precede the officer's intervention through any pursuit mode.

C. When after considering the totality of circumstances, a reasonable officer is of the belief that exigent circumstances exist which justify the need to apprehend the fleeing vehicle and occupants.

5100:12 TRAINING

I. All members of the Byron Police Department will be required to attend annual training on the daily operation of, plus emergency and pursuit operation of agency vehicles and the policies related there to.

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