

## FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

**Section 2:** Traffic Operations **Order Number:** 215  
**Topic:** SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT **Issued by:** Chief of Police  
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### **.01 PURPOSE:**

To describe the procedure for compiling motor vehicle collision data along with the review of this data to assist in the direction of selective traffic enforcement activities. These activities are for the purpose of reducing the number and severity of vehicular collisions within the City of Frederick.

### **.02 CROSS-REF:**

All General Orders in Section 2 – [Traffic Operations](#)  
G.O. [210](#), “Traffic Law Enforcement”

### **.03 DISCUSSION:**

The objective of selective traffic enforcement for the Frederick Police Department is to reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions that occur within the City. The Department will utilize the information gathered from collision investigations, as well as citizen complaints, to effectively direct selective enforcement activities.

### **.04 POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Frederick Police Department to use available data to assist in the direction of selective traffic enforcement activities to reduce the number and severity of vehicular collisions on the streets of Frederick.

### **.10 GENERAL:**

The Crash Reconstruction Team is responsible for gathering, reviewing, and distributing crash data information in order for supervisors to direct the selective enforcement activities of their officers. The Crash Reconstruction Team is also responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the selective traffic enforcement efforts initiated by data provided to the supervisors. Oversight of the Crash Reconstruction Team is the responsibility of the CID Commander.

### **.15 ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC COLLISIONS AND SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:**

The annual traffic accident analysis will be conducted by the Crash Reconstruction Team to ascertain whether selective enforcement efforts have met their objectives. The analysis will include recommendations and an evaluation of all selective traffic enforcement activities. A report summarizing the evaluation for the previous calendar year will be submitted to the Chief of Police, via the chain of command. This report will be completed by the end of the first quarter of the calendar year. A copy will be distributed to all operational units within the Department for their information.

1. A review of traffic collisions will be done by the Crash Reconstruction Team on an annual basis. The data for this review will be gathered from the CAD (Computer Assisted Dispatch) system, ACRS (Automated Crash Reporting System), and Delta Plus for traffic enforcement information for the calendar year, January through December.
2. A review of traffic collisions will include, but not be limited to, location, patrol beats, day of week, and time of day.
3. The CID Commander, or his designee, will attend the “Frederick County Traffic Team”

quarterly meetings.

4. A review of traffic enforcement activities will be performed by the Crash Reconstruction Team on an annual basis. The selective enforcement for the calendar year will be reviewed, as well as citations issued in those specific areas, to determine if adequate enforcement is being applied to the identified high collision rate locations.
5. Selective enforcement will be directed in those areas where traffic collision data and violations indicate that special attention is needed. Patterns of causes and/or sudden increases in the number and severity of collision or violations are reasons for extra enforcement activity at a given location.

**.20 IMPLEMENTATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:**

1. Strategies and tactics used for selective traffic enforcement will be consistent with the nature of the violations occurring and their potential for interfering with safe traffic flow. Selective enforcement activities will be based upon Analysis of Traffic Collisions and Selective Enforcement Activities as well as citizen complaints. Enforcement efforts will then be directed toward that behavior contributing to collisions or traffic-related needs.
2. Officers may utilize the techniques for selective traffic enforcement described in General Order 210, section .15, Traffic Patrol Techniques. Officers performing selective traffic enforcement will initiate a CAD number and will inform dispatch of their efforts to be noted when clearing the location.
3. Deployment of patrol personnel for selective traffic law enforcement will be based on a review of traffic collisions and traffic-related calls for service from the previous year. This information will be obtained from the annual Analysis of Traffic Collisions and Selective Enforcement Activities.