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GENERAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

<u>Subject:</u> Traffic Hazards	<u>Number:</u> 3.10.B	<u>Effective Date:</u> 09/16/19
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Policy: Deputies observing traffic hazards or roadway defects requiring emergency removal or repair will take appropriate action to provide for the removal and/or correction of the hazard/defect by the appropriate agency.

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I. General Guidelines

- A. For the purpose of this directive, roadway defects requiring emergency repair or replacement are defined as any defective traffic control device affecting the movement of traffic. It includes traffic signals, stops signs, yield signs, do not enter signs, etc.
- B. Traffic hazards requiring emergency removal include debris, oil/antifreeze spills, hazardous materials spills, or dead/injured animals, which present a danger to roadway users.

II. Correcting Hazards or Defects

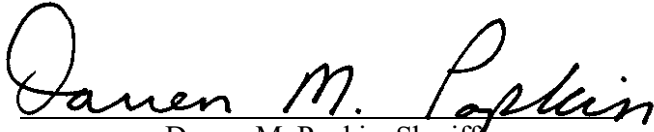
- A. Deputies encountering a road hazard such as a non-functioning traffic signal or debris in the roadway **must**:
 - (1) Take reasonable steps to remedy the situation;
 - (2) Make notification to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) to arrange for the correction or removal of the hazard. ECC maintains a list of telephone numbers for various agencies and utilities and will notify the appropriate agency.

- (3) Remain on the scene and, if necessary, provide traffic direction and control until the threat to life and property is removed or until relieved by another law enforcement agency.
- B. Where the nature of their current assignment makes it impractical to stop, deputies *must*:
- (1) Advise ECC of the location and description of the hazard or defect, and;
 - (2) Request a unit be dispatched to correct the situation.

III. Cancellation

This directive cancels and replaces General Operational Procedures 3.10.B, Effective Date *04/01/04*.

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