



COTTAGE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT: **USE OF ROADBLOCKS**

NEW REVISED RESCINDS

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I. POLICY

Due to the inherent dangers in the use of roadblocks (pursuit and non- pursuit situations), officers will refrain from setting up roadblocks for the purpose of apprehending suspects when it is apparent that innocent persons could be endangered. Roadblock techniques will not be employed by Cottage City Officers and no Cottage City vehicles or civilian vehicles will be used for a roadblock.

II. FORCIBLE STOPPING

A. Ramming Another Vehicle

The intentional striking of a suspect's vehicle by a police vehicle is prohibited.

B. Boxing-In A Vehicle/Use of Rolling Road Blocks

Police vehicles will not box-in a vehicle being pursued, nor will officers employ a "rolling roadblock" to attempt to stop a vehicle being pursued.

C. Cordon Roadblocks

1. A supervisor may authorize this type of roadblock in order to stop every vehicle on a particular roadway or parking lot entrance/exit.

2. This type of roadblock is generally established in conjunction with an investigation and depending upon the circumstances for which it is needed, allows for proper identification to be checked and non- suspect vehicles allowed to continue.
3. Officers participating in this type of roadblock will wear high-visibility clothing.
4. Officers will be courteous in their dealings with motorists and inform them why the roadblock has been established (without revealing any sensitive information).
5. Officers will not detain a motorist any longer than absolutely necessary.

III. ROADBLOCKS IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION

- A. A roadblock will not be established in a foreign jurisdiction (i.e., another county, state, D.C., etc.)