

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Traffic Law Enforcement		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.:45.3,45.4	
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AMENDS/SUPERSEDES: See attached sheet		APPROVED: <u>**See Master File</u> Sheriff	
STANDARD NUMBER: 61.1.2			

45.3 Purpose

- 45.3.1 The enforcement of traffic laws and ordinances is a basic responsibility of the Office. The primary objective of this function is to achieve voluntary compliance with the laws by all motorists and pedestrians.

45.4 Policy

- 45.4.1 Enforcement actions are to be taken in proportion to the severity of the violation and commensurate with existing statutory requirements. **Strictly quantitative enforcement activities, such as ticket quotas, will not be used by the office.**
- 45.4.2 Deputies are prohibited from stopping, detaining or searching any person or taking any enforcement action solely based on a persons race, color, ethnicity, or gender. **See Chapter 1.7.5, Constitutional Safeguards; 1.6.4, Limits to Authority; and 45.13.2 Bias Based Profiling**
- 45.4.3 Deputies shall take appropriate enforcement action for each violation of the law witnessed by them. Such action shall be accomplished in a business-like, firm, impartial, but courteous manner using one of the four following methods:
- A. Physical arrest.
 - B. Notice to appear, citation.

- C. Written warning.
- D. Verbal warning.

45.4.4 Deputies are to use individual discretion within the guidelines of this written directive to determine what enforcement action will be taken. The following guidelines will be used:

- A. Physical arrest -deputies may effect the arrest of any person in violation of those traffic laws pertaining to driving under the influence of intoxicants or drugs, reckless driving (when willful and wanton intent of the driver are elements of the offense), traffic offenses committed in the commission of other crimes; or when the deputy has reason to believe the driver poses a danger to himself or others, or is a flight risk, or indicates he/she intends to continue committing the violation/s.
- B. Citation - The issuance of a citation is applicable in the majority of cases. The citation should be issued to all violators who jeopardize the safe and efficient flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic including hazardous moving violations, parking violations, and operating unsafe and/or improperly equipped vehicles.
- C. Written Warning - A written warning is an alternative that may be used by deputies in response to a minor traffic infraction.
- D. Verbal Warning - A verbal warning is appropriate when the violator commits an act which may be due to ignorance of a local ordinance which may be unique or a violation of which the driver may not be aware.