

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Stopping and Approaching Traffic Violators		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 45.13	
EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/7/03		REVIEW DATE:	
AMENDS/SUPERSEDES: See attached sheet		APPROVED: <u>**See Master File</u> Sheriff	
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45.13 Procedure

- 45.13.1 Upon observing a traffic violation, the deputy should follow the listed procedures:
- A. Advise communications that you will be making a stop.
 - B. When communications has acknowledged, give the location of the stop and the license plate number of the vehicle.
 - C. Select the safest location possible for a stop, and activate appropriate emergency equipment when approaching the selected location.
 - D. Activate audio-video system, if mounted, on all traffic stops. It is the deputies responsibility to ensure system equipment is working properly.
 - E. Position the patrol vehicle on an angle, 10 to 15 feet behind the violator's vehicle, with the front of the patrol vehicle about 2 feet into the roadside from the edge of the violator's vehicle, to provide protection to the deputy and vehicle occupant(s).
 - F. When the violator or the patrol vehicle is on any part of the roadway, activate appropriate emergency equipment. If off the roadway, the deputy may deactivate all equipment except the flashers.

- G. Approach the violator vehicle using extreme caution, spot-lighting the interior of the vehicle when appropriate.
 - H. Request a backup unit if necessary.
- 45.13.2 Unauthorized Traffic Stops, Bias Based Profiling (See also 1.7.5, Constitutional Safeguards; 1.6.4 Limits to Authority; 45.4.2 Traffic Enforcement)
- A. Deputies are prohibited from stopping, detaining, or searching any person when the action is **solely** motivated by consideration of race, color, ethnicity, or gender.
 - B. When conducting traffic stops or detaining or searching persons, deputies should focus on a persons conduct or other specific information that causes the deputy to have reasonable concerns for the safety, welfare or property right of that person or others.
 - C. Deputies must have reasonable suspicion supported by articulated facts, that the person contacted regarding their identification, activity, or location has been, is, or is about to commit a crime; or is currently presenting a threat or cause for alarm regarding the safety or property right of themselves or others; or by behavior or demeanor appears to be in need of assistance or direction.
 - D. Bias based profiling does not include circumstances where the deputy has information that includes a race, color, ethnic, or gender descriptor concerning a suspect for a specific crime, offense or other incident subject to investigation where that information is reliable and is likely to lead to the discovery of that individual.