

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Emergency Roadblock Procedures		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 45.33	
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45.33      **Policy**

- 45.33.1      The purpose of this standard is to establish guidelines on the use of roadblocks in emergency situations.
- 45.33.2      Roadblocks used in pursuit situations are also covered in Chapter 28 of this manual. Roadblocks may be employed as a method to prevent the escape of known dangerous felons from a specified area.
- 45.33.3      Roadblocks will not be implemented without the express approval of supervisory and/or command personnel.
- 45.33.4      Roadblocks may be utilized as a necessary and acceptable police tactic in emergency situations if, and only if, the use of deadly force would be authorized.
- 45.33.5      Adequate warning to approaching traffic is a necessity. Therefore, unless the only vehicle reasonably expected as the first to approach the roadblock is that of the suspect, against whom deadly force is authorized and there is insufficient time to provide warning to the violator prior to his/her arrival, a reasonable system of warning to motorists approaching the roadblock will be in operation prior to the closing of the highway by roadblock.
- 45.33.6      Firearms may be ready for use at roadblocks and may only be used in accordance with the

existing deadly force policy. (Chapter/  
section 1.19-24)

- 45.33.7 Persons will not remain inside vehicles used to block the roadway.
- 45.33.8 Vehicles used to establish a roadblock will be positioned on the roadway in such a manner as to allow for expedient and safe egress.
- 45.33.9 To the extent possible, roadblocks will be established in suitable locations which take into consideration terrain, natural, and man-made obstructions such as hills, curves, bridges, tunnels, etc.