



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING INSTRUCTION

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

ISSUED: August 5, 2026

EFFECTIVE: August 5, 2026

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Steven Johnson
DATE: July 1, 2026

ACTION: Amends SOI (November 14, 2024)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.1.2

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOI, see SharePoint.

IV. EQUIPMENT (WILEAG 6.1.2)

A. The TSU will be assigned squad cars, ~~have access to a FotoKite~~, and shall be responsible for the traffic safety equipment assigned to each officer (e.g., traffic vests, traffic wands, Guardian Angel).

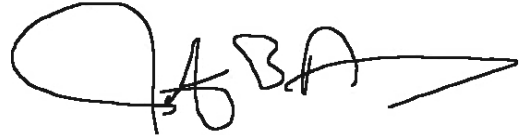
~~C. FOTOKITE CAMERA~~

- ~~1. Only members who have been properly trained to operate the FotoKite tethered camera shall operate or utilize the FotoKite tethered camera. Department members authorized to operate or access the FotoKite tethered camera shall receive the appropriate training.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2)~~
- ~~2. The commanding officer of the SPD shall select a member(s) of the SPD to be responsible for maintaining the condition and maintenance of the FotoKite tethered camera. This member(s) shall also be responsible for maintaining a list of equipment associated with the FotoKite tethered camera.
(WILEAG 6.1.2.3, 6.1.2.4)~~
- ~~3. The FotoKite tethered camera shall be operated in accordance with [Wis. Stat. § 175.55\(2\)](#), which prohibits the camera from being used to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation from or at a place or location where an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy without first obtaining a search warrant. This does not apply if the camera is used:
 - ~~a. In a public place.~~
 - ~~b. To assist in an active search and rescue operation.~~
 - ~~c. To locate an escaped prisoner.~~
 - ~~d. To surveil a place or location for the purpose of executing an arrest warrant.~~~~

~~e. When there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the use of the camera is necessary to prevent imminent danger to an individual or to prevent the imminent destruction of evidence.~~

~~(WILEAG 6.1.2.1, 6.1.2.5)~~

CD. Each officer will be assigned equipment related to traffic safety including but not limited to Hi-Vis traffic vests, traffic wands, Guardian Angel, and other equipment that may be deemed necessary.

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JEFFREY B. NORMAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

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