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Memorandum

To: Leon W. Todd, Executive Director

From: Barbara Cooley, Research and Policy Analyst

Date: March 13, 2025

RE: SOP 070 – Citation Procedures
SOP 665 – Tire Deflation Devices
SOP 730 – In-Car Camera Systems
SOP 910 – Civil Disturbance and Crowd Management

SOP 070 – Citation Procedures

These amendments are technical procedural changes and administrative in nature.

- Updating the references to members consideration when deciding what enforcement action to take for traffic violations since there are now certain offenses that require an arrest (certain Operating after Revocation, Operating with an Operator's License, and Reckless Driving offenses).
- Adding reference to the Juvenile Municipal Court Citations.
- Updating that a judge may direct a bailiff and not the municipal liaison officer to obtain finger print verification of a person so policy matches practice.
- Updating references to the State Traffic Envelope for Operating after Revocation as this section incorrectly referenced the Reckless Driving Envelope.
- Updating that the State Traffic Envelope is not needed for municipal Operating after Revocation citations that are issued.
- Removing reference to ordered-in traffic offenses as this no longer happens in practice as the person is either arrested or issued a citation with a future court date.
- Adding that the Records Management Division needs to send Driver Condition or Behavior Reports in TraCS to the DOT since they are the only entity in MPD that can send these reports.

- Adding that released citations need to be sent to the Court Administration Division on the date they are released to ensure the Court Administration Division receives these immediately.
- Minor grammatical clean up and references.

SOP 665 – Tire Deflation Devices

This amendment is substantive. Note that the Piranha Stop Stick is only used to prevent a stationary vehicle from moving.

The only recommended update is to authorize members in plain clothes and unmarked vehicles to utilize the Piranha Stop Stick device if they have been trained and receive prior supervisory approval. This would allow Violent Crime Reduction Team (VCRT) members and members assigned to the FBI Task Force to utilize this device.

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SOP 730 – In-Car Camera Systems

These amendments are technical/administrative in nature.

- Clarifying that if members initiate a rear camera recording, they must ensure the front camera is also recording and to not deactivate the front camera.
- Technical updates to how the recorded events are offloaded.
- Technical update to replace the term 4G LTE with cellular network so we do not have to update this SOP every time cellular technology changes.

SOP 910 – Civil Disturbance and Crowd Management

These amendments are administrative only.

The only recommended update is to replace the references from the Technical Communications Division to the Department of Emergency Communications.