

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS**



DIRECTIVE: 355-T

REFERENCE STANDARDS: 61.1.5

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SUBJECT: Truck Enforcement Program

POLICY: It is the department's policy that violation of truck laws will be enforced to their utmost along with compliance to ensure safety for the motoring public.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the department's structured truck enforcement program will be to issue guidelines for the enforcement of truck violations and to have officers of this department enforce the appropriate laws.

## **I. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Chain of command on this program will be from the Chief to Deputy Chief of Operations to the Patrol Lieutenant.
  - 1. The formation and implementation responsibility will be with the Deputy Chief of Operations and the Patrol Lieutenant.
  - 2. Officers will be selected and assigned to partake and become involved in the enforcement of truck violations.

## **II. TRUCK ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

- A. Selection. The selection of Truck Enforcement Officers to become specialists in the enforcement of truck laws under the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Village Ordinance will be on the following criteria:
  - 1. Department's need.
  - 2. Officer's interest.
  - 3. Previous training.
  - 4. Current patrol assignment.
- B. Assignment. The persons who are selected to become Truck Enforcement Officers will be assigned as generalists on each patrol shift they serve. The truck enforcement specialization will be a secondary assignment where they will be specifically trained and

detailed to enforce truck laws. This will in no way negate the day-to-day operation of the department and its primary patrol function. Instead, it will focus specialization as time and situations present themselves for enforcement of truck laws.

- C. Chain of Command. Although the officers will be assigned on different shifts, when they are performing functions as Truck Enforcement Officers they will report their activity to the on-duty supervisor.

### III. GUIDELINES (61.1.5g)

- A. Training. In order to provide the tools and resources that are necessary to accomplish the truck enforcement function, proper training will be given to any and all officers that are designated as Truck Enforcement Officers. This training will include the following:
  - 1. Truck overweight instruction.
  - 2. Accident investigation.
  - 3. Technical and reconstruction accident investigation. (optional)
- B. Enforcement. In order to ensure a complete enforcement effort, the following will be done:
  - 1. Officers assigned in a truck enforcement role will seek out and cite any truck violations observed. These include:
    - a. Overweight vehicles
    - b. Truck safety issues
    - c. Registration violations
    - d. Licensing violations
    - e. Any and all other truck violations observed
  - 2. Assignments for truck enforcement will be made from Administration or the Patrol Lieutenant if a specific problem has arisen. The concentrated effort may necessitate switching shifts or switching assignments for location purposes on a geographical and temporal basis.
- C. Mutual Aid. In order to utilize all resources available for truck enforcement purposes, the following agencies will be utilized if necessary:
  - 1. State Police District #2.
  - 2. State Police District #3.
  - 3. DuPage County and Cook County Sheriff's Police.
  - 4. Any other police agency as may be necessary.

5. The Illinois Commerce Commission Police.
  6. The Secretary of State Police.
  7. Any and all other agencies that may add and help enforcement efforts.
- D. The Use of Scales. In order to properly weigh truck over weights, the use of scales that have been certified by the state of Illinois will be utilized. These may include:
1. Meyer Material
  2. Consolidated Freight (Carol Stream)