

Area Traffic Officer

508.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Personnel assigned to the Area Traffic Officer Program work closely with community members in their area to develop problem-solving strategies that yield lasting solutions.

508.2 MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORITY

Management of the Area Traffic Officers is handled by the Operations Traffic Lieutenant. Scheduling of the Area Traffic Officers is the responsibility of their respective Area Traffic Sergeant.

508.3 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Each Area Traffic Officer is tasked with the design and implementation of appropriate strategies to address traffic related problems in his/her area. Officers in this assignment engage the support of area motorcycle officers, patrol officers, traffic engineers and other municipal resources as needed. It is the philosophy of this Department that the effectiveness of the Area Traffic Officer Program is dependent upon the quality of the relationship between the community and the officer. Program success is also dependent upon the accurate and timely exchange of information between the ATO and other field personnel.

508.4 PATROL RESPONSIBILITY

Area Traffic Officers are not regarded as part of the patrol contingent and are not factored into the minimum shift deployment. Area Traffic Officers are not routinely assigned to patrol service calls, although each may be deployed in an emergency or as determined by the field supervisor. Generally, Area Traffic Officers are not assigned traffic collision investigations.