

PART 16 – ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

1601. Investigation of traffic accidents.

It shall be the duty of the Office of Police Services to investigate traffic accidents occurring within the City either by investigation at the time of or at the scene of the accident or thereafter by interviewing participants or witnesses, to issue summons and complaints or penalty assessment notices for traffic violations in connection with traffic accidents, and to assist in the prosecution of those persons charged with violations of law or ordinance causing or contributing to accidents. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1602. Traffic accident reports.

- (1) The Office of Police Services shall obtain from the State Department of Revenue standard forms for accident reports required by state law, and thereon shall report sufficiently detailed information to disclose with reference to a traffic accident which has been investigated by said police or concerning which said police have received notification the contributing circumstances, conditions then existing and the persons and vehicles involved.
- (2) The Office of Police Services may require any driver of a vehicle involved in an accident of which a written report must be given as provided by law to give additional information concerning said accident whenever the information originally obtained is insufficient in the opinion of said services and may require witnesses of accidents to give information concerning the accident.
- (3) The Office of Police Services shall maintain a suitable system of filing copies of investigators' traffic accident reports with reference to drivers and accident locations and shall make such reports available to the traffic engineer and other officials having use of the records for accident prevention purposes. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1603. Authority of officer at scene of accidents.

A police officer or community service officer at the scene of a traffic accident may issue a written summons and complaint or penalty assessment notice, as provided in Part 17 of this Traffic Code to any driver of a vehicle involved in the accident when, based upon personal investigation, the officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person has committed any offense under the provisions of this Traffic Code or pursuant to state law in connection with the accident. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

1604. Traffic accident studies.

Whenever the accidents at any particular location or along any particular location or along any particular street or highway within the City become numerous, the Office

of Police Services shall cooperate with the Traffic Engineer or other designated official responsible for traffic operations in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial or corrective measures. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)