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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: DRIVERS UNDER THE INFLUENCE	
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1.0 Policy

A driver who operates a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is in violation of Section 23152 (a) (b) CVC. An impaired driver is considered a serious threat to the public and dispatchers will expeditiously handle associated reports accordingly.

2.0 Procedure

Citizens may call to report what they believe is a drunk driver. Dispatchers will determine the following:

- ◆ Location and direction of travel
- ◆ Time element
- ◆ Description of the vehicle
- ◆ License plate of the vehicle (if possible)
- ◆ Number of occupants/descriptions
- ◆ Observations made by the RP - what made the RP believe the driver was under the influence
- ◆ Full RP contact information, including last name, phone number and home address.

If the RP does not want contact and is not following the drunk driver, create a dispatch incident using the type code 'BOL' and broadcast a general BOL using no alert tones. Do not encourage an RP to follow a suspected drunk driver.

If the RP wants officer contact, or an accident is involved create a dispatch incident for an officer response.

If the RP is following the suspected drunk driver, create an incident using Type Code '23152' and keep the RP on the telephone until the officer arrives on scene. Keep the responding officer updated of the location of the RP, the suspected drunk driver, and a description of both vehicles.