



COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNALS, RAILROAD SIGNALS, SIGNS, AND TRAFFIC HAZARDS
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Traffic Signals

Upon notification of a defective traffic signal, dispatch an officer, or notify CHP to check the intersection. If the officer verifies the malfunction, notify the appropriate maintenance agency.

Railroad Signals

Railroad signals and lights are maintained by Sierra Pacific except for the railroad signals located at River/Hwy 1 (bypass) and Laurel/Chestnut in Santa Cruz. These signals are maintained by Big Trees/Roaring Camp.

Street Signs

Report damaged or missing city or county street signs to the appropriate maintenance department.

Report damaged street signs causing an after-hours traffic hazard to the on-call public works employee, if available.

Road and Traffic Hazards

If reported by a citizen, dispatch an officer, or notify CHP to verify the hazard.

Refer hazards (holes, debris, spills, etc.) on locally maintained streets to the appropriate public works department. Refer hazards on state highways to CalTrans.

For hazardous material spills in roadways (oil spills, paint, antifreeze, etc.), create a “hazmat” incident for the fire department.