



# East Norriton Township Police Department

## GENERAL ORDER 2.4.1

### VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

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Traffic

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Taking Vehicle Enforcement Action

### 2.4.1 Vehicle Enforcement Responsibility

- A. Uniform enforcement is a critical element of an effective traffic law enforcement program. The public will not protest when strict enforcement is justly and impartially administered. Uniform enforcement supports the ultimate aim of traffic law enforcement which is to achieve voluntary compliance with traffic laws, ordinances and regulations.

Officer discretion is important to an effective traffic law enforcement program. The intent of this standard is to provide guidelines for uniform enforcement for routine situations. In unusual circumstances, officers must decide what enforcement action is proper based on a combination of training, experience and common sense.

Traffic enforcement actions shall be regulated in a consistent manner. Enforcement will be compatible with statutes, ordinances, and established rules and regulations for streets and highways, and ownership and operation of vehicles. However, by the application of tolerance in traffic law enforcement there is no intention to destroy or distort the intent of the law.

B. Vehicle Enforcement Action- Options

1. Physical arrests- Made for vehicle code violations under the following circumstances:
  - a. DUI Violations
  - b. Vehicle Code Violations that constitute misdemeanor or felony violations
  - c. Warrant Arrests.
2. Traffic Citations- When appropriate, traffic citations should be issued for traffic law violations when sufficient evidence exists to initiate prosecution.
3. Traffic Ordinance Violations- When appropriate, traffic citations may be issued for traffic ordinance violations when sufficient evidence exists to initiate prosecution.
4. Parking Violations- Parking regulations will be enforced with reasonableness and impartiality. Township parking tickets may be issued and special attention should be given to:
  - a. Handicapped parking violations,

- b. Fire lanes,
- c. Business areas,
- d. Snow emergency routes, when appropriate,
- e. Abandoned vehicles.

Parking regulations may be enforced on private property, as provided by Township Ordinance (Chapter 196 Vehicles and Parking Regulations) and/or in accordance with Title 75, Section 3353.

The towing of vehicles illegally parked on private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner as this is a civil matter.

Blocking a roadway (Title 75, Section 3352) is sufficient grounds for a vehicle to be towed if the owner cannot be located in a timely manner.

5. Written or Verbal Warnings-

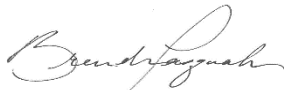
a. Verbal Warnings

- 1) A verbal warning may be appropriate when the violator commits an act that may be due to ignorance of a local ordinance, vehicle code violation, or in the case of a condition of which the driver may not be aware.
- 2) A verbal warning is also appropriate as an alternative to a traffic citation or written warning based on the officer's discretion, professional judgment, training, and/or experience.

b. Written Warnings

- 1) A written warning may be appropriate for a minor infraction, equipment violations, or operators who do not have in their possession a driver's license, registration card, and/or insurance card.

By order of:



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Chief of Police