

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

GENERAL ORDER 100.34

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USE OF CIVILIANS FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC CONTROL

1. POLICY. Field Division commanders are delegated the authority to review and approve programs submitted by local authorities, which are designed to train persons appointed for traffic regulation duties, pursuant to the provisions of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21100.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. California Vehicle Code Section 21100(e) permits local authorities to adopt rules and regulations for appointing persons, other than traffic officers, to direct traffic under the following circumstances:

- (1) Whenever official traffic control devices are disabled or otherwise inoperable.
- (2) At the scenes of accidents or disasters.
- (3) At locations which may require traffic direction for orderly traffic flow.

b. California Vehicle Code Section 21100 prohibits the appointment of such persons to perform traffic regulation duties within an area where this Department exercises jurisdiction for traffic law enforcement, unless and until:

- (1) The local authority has approved an enabling ordinance or resolution.
- (2) The local authority has submitted a proposed training program for such persons to the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.
- (3) The proposed training program has been approved by the Commissioner.

c. California Vehicle Code Section 21100.3 makes it unlawful to disobey traffic directions given by a person appointed or authorized by a local authority to regulate traffic, pursuant to CVC Section 21100, when such person is wearing an official

insignia issued by the local authority and is acting in the course of their appointed duties.

d. Where the traffic regulation duties of persons appointed pursuant to CVC Section 21100(e) are to be performed at a location or area other than within the traffic law enforcement jurisdiction of this Department, the proposed training program shall be approved by the chief traffic law enforcement officer having jurisdiction within such area.

3. PROCEDURE.

a. Field Division commanders shall approve proposed training programs submitted by local authorities if it is reasonably determined that sufficient training will be provided for persons assigned the duties previously described in paragraph 2.a.

b. The Department is not responsible for conducting the training required by CVC Section 21100. However, assistance may be provided to local authorities in the development of their individual training programs.

c. Local authorities may develop their own traffic control program. In lieu of a locally developed program, the Department's training program may be used.

(1) Local authorities may purchase a copy of Highway Patrol Guide 70.3, Techniques of Traffic Control, by contacting the Publications Unit at (916) 843-3640.

(2) Requests for assistance in developing the required training program should be referred to the Academy, Vehicle Code Unit, at (916) 309-6300.

(3) The Academy will provide, upon request of the authority, a sample cadet lesson plan for traffic control and direction.

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