

Comprehensive Roadside Safety Checkpoint

“LOW MAN”



CHECKPOINT NO. 10-22-HCSO-1029-FDOT-FY10

DATE: 10-29-10

LOCATION: 3535 Culbreath Rd
Alafia Elementary School Parking Lot

SCHEDULED HOURS: 2130 Hrs. to 0000 Hrs.

COMMAND OFFICER: Corporal Brendan Fitzgerald

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PURPOSE

In an effort to promote safety and reduce traffic crashes in Unincorporated Hillsborough County, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tampa Police Department | <input type="checkbox"/> Temple Terrace Police Department |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Department of Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant City Police Department | <input type="checkbox"/> University of South Florida Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No other law enforcement agencies |

Will use a Comprehensive Roadside Safety Checkpoint (CRSC) to deter those who violate the laws, which regulate and control motor vehicle traffic. This can include, but not be limited to: driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemical substances, or with an unlawful blood alcohol level; equipment, unsafe, faulty or defective condition; motor vehicle registration, driver's licenses, and security required, proof of security and display thereof.

OBJECTIVES

Discussion

Hillsborough County leads the State of Florida for alcohol-related fatalities and traffic crashes for the consecutive years of 1998, 1999 and 2000. In an effort to reduce the number of crashes involving impaired drivers, roadways that have a significant number of D.U.I. and D.U.I.-related incidents will be the focus of this CRSC.

Statement

The location for this CRSC will be at 3535 Culbreath Rd.

This location was chosen at random, reference to OPERATION 3-D D.U.I. ENFORCEMENT county wide check point operations. Each month at least four different locations are chosen at random, surveying DUI ARRESTS and DUI CRASHES.

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JOB DESCRIPTIONS

COMMAND OFFICER (CO)

The lead person on the CRSC who has supervisory rank and is designated the coordinator of all CRSC activities. This includes, but is not limited to: briefing, de-briefing, staffing, operations, deviations, commencement, and ceasing of the CRSC. The Command Officer is also responsible for ensuring the safety of motorists, officers, and non-sworn assistance during the CRSC.

ASSISTANT COMMAND OFFICER(S) (ACO)

Appointed by the Command Officer, also of supervisory rank and, possibly, of another agency, who is assisting with personnel during the CRSC. The Assistant Command Officer can delegate any of the aforementioned actions of the Commanding Officer during the CRSC operation.

VEHICLE COUNT OFFICER (VCO)

The Vehicle Count Officer is responsible for ensuring the sequence of vehicles diverted into the checkpoint lanes/area as followed in the operational plan for the specific CRSC. The Vehicle Count Officer can only deviate from the operational plan upon order of the Command Officer. The Vehicle Count Officer will also be responsible for maintaining the total vehicle count in conjunction with the operational times of the CRSC.

LANE CONTROL OFFICER(S) (LCO)

The Lane Control Officer(s) will be the officer(s) who directs vehicles determined by the Vehicle Count Officer into the pre-designated checkpoint area and, specifically, the checkpoint lanes based on availability of Checkpoint Line Officers at the given time. The Lane Control Officer(s) will be responsible for the total number of vehicles entering the designated checkpoint lanes, as diverted by the Vehicle Count Officer during the CRSC. The Vehicle Count Officer will also incrementally check the delay time as pre-determined in the specific operational guidelines.

CHECKPOINT LINE OFFICERS (CLO)

Checkpoint Line Officers will be responsible for making the initial driver contact by formally stopping the selected vehicle inside the designated checkpoint lane. He/she will initiate the contact with the greeting determined in the operational plan, unless emergency and unforeseeable situations arise, which dictate otherwise. The Checkpoint Line Officers may take enforcement action on any violation of law that they observe during the CRSC. If the Checkpoint Line Officer takes enforcement action, he/she will remain with the violator throughout the process until released on recognizance or booked. Another Checkpoint Line Officer can take his/her place in the checkpoint lanes to keep the vehicles from waiting too long. If the violation is determined to be for D.U.I., the Checkpoint Line Officer will move the violator to an area pre-determined to conduct the appropriate and safe investigation, and an additional Checkpoint Line Officer will move the affected vehicle out of the checkpoint lanes during the investigation.

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CHASE VEHICLE OFFICERS (CVO)

Chase Vehicle Officers will be assigned to the perimeter of the CRSC and are to only stop vehicles based upon articulable reasonable suspicion and probable cause. In addition, they will follow agency procedure and state law in respect to pursuing any driver of a motor vehicle who comes to their lawful attention as part of the CRSC. Avoiding the CRSC alone is not sufficient cause to stop the vehicle, driver, and/or occupants; however, any vehicle avoiding the CRSC may be followed to determine if there are articulable reasons to lawfully stop the vehicle.

TRANSPORTATION/BOOKING OFFICERS

In the event the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office does not provide a joint operation, on-site, satellite booking procedure in conjunction with this CRSC, then a Transport Officer will be assigned to the CRSC, and all prisoners detained in conjunction with this CRSC will be transported to central intake via this assignment, unless otherwise specified by the Command Officer.

VEHICLE INVENTORY OFFICERS (VIO)

If the operation size dictates, Vehicle Inventory Officers will be responsible for moving vehicles out of the checkpoint lanes in the event the driver is removed and detained for further investigation. Additionally, Vehicle Inventory Officers will process all vehicles for impound during the assignment at the CRSC. They will also be responsible for releasing the vehicle in conjunction with agency policy should the opportunity arise. Vehicle Inventory Officers will handle any animals, weapons, etc., found inside the vehicles as part of the investigation.

INTOXILYZER OPERATOR

This function will be assigned only to authorized personnel who are certified to operate intoxilyzer equipment.

SPECIALTY OFFICERS

K-9 officers, detectives, etc., will be contacted as needed by the Command Officer.

Note: Not all positions may be filled due to staffing.

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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

BRIEFING LOCATION(S)

All personnel will report to 3535 Culbreath Rd. at 2100 hours for briefing and reading of the Operational Plan reference their specific duties as related to this CRSC. All personnel will sign in on the assignment roster and acknowledge they understand this specific plan in its entirety. All foreseeable matters relevant to the plan and specific duties should be addressed at this briefing.

At the pre-designated or spontaneous (reason) inactivity / in-climate weather conclusion of (weather, inactivity, other) this specific CRSC, there will be a de-briefing for all involved personnel. All personnel will address any deviations from the plan and allow documentation on the After-Action Report. All personnel will sign out at the conclusion of the CRSC at this time. Any personnel who must leave the CRSC while under operation will sign out on the assignment sheet/roster with the Commanding Officer or his/her approved designee.

After-action notes: Traffic control devices set up by The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office on Culbreath Rd.

DESIGN AND SET-UP

The design and set-up of the CRSC will be in accordance with the most current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration as adopted by the State of Florida via administrative rule.

The person responsible for designing the lane closure for this specific CRSC is Corporal Brendan Fitzgerald. Corporal Brendan Fitzgerald, with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, is responsible for the setup of the CRSC.

After-action notes: See attached diagram for additional information on CRSC set up by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

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SYSTEMATIC MOTOR VEHICLE COUNT RATIO

2130 HOURS TO 0000 HOURS EVERY 1st

_____ HOURS TO _____ HOURS EVERY _____

_____ HOURS TO _____ HOURS EVERY _____

Deviations and Delays

The Command Officer will have the sole discretion to deviate from the established Motor Vehicle Count Ratio. All vehicles will be stopped in the designated area established by the CRSC plan. In the event an unsafe number of vehicles are backed up in either the checkpoint lanes or the through lanes of traffic, the Command Officer can alter the count to every 5th vehicle. If the traffic conditions cause a backup that cannot easily be alleviated by alternate vehicles, the Command Officer may temporarily suspend checkpoint operations until the backup of the traffic has been cleared. The method used to clear the traffic will be to allow 5 cars to pass through and then begin with either the primary or alternate count as ordered by the Command Officer and dictated by traffic volume and number of line personnel. Once the traffic is cleared with the selected count, the checkpoint may resume. The time the count has been adjusted or suspended will be noted in the CRSC After-Action Report. Average delays by non-violators, will be recorded every thirty (30) and forty-five (45) minutes by the Lane Control Officer(s).

In the event a vehicle is too large to navigate into the CRSC sequence, it will be stopped in the roadway, for the purposes of the CRSC by a Checkpoint Line Officer. All emergency vehicles that fall subject to the designated Motor Vehicle Count Ratio will be waived through the CRSC by the Vehicle Count Officer, and the Motor Vehicle Count Ratio will start over as if the emergency vehicle was part of the CRSC sequence. In the event an undirected vehicle enters the checkpoint lanes, the Checkpoint Line Officer will approach the driver, if no violations are noticed; they will be waived to the exit location. This will be viewed as a voluntary entry into the CRSC.

Uniforms

All personnel assigned to the CRSC will be in their respective uniform of the day, which can include inclement weather gear, hats, etc. All personnel will wear reflective traffic vests when operating a CRSC.

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Contingencies

In the event a motor vehicle operator does not comply with the lawful direction of CRSC personnel, then any officer working the CRSC can follow the associated laws, policies, and procedures to gain compliance, detain, or arrest the violator.

Standardized Greeting

All Checkpoint Line Officers will say, **“Good evening, I am (Rank) (Name) with the (Agency), and we are conducting a comprehensive roadside safety checkpoint.”**

Education and Awareness

Any non-sworn personnel, i.e., MADD, SADD, etc., who wish to provide educational and/or awareness literature regarding a component of the CRSC, will stand near the designated exit area of the operation—not inside the checkpoint lanes. Literature will not be forced upon a driver but will be offered as a way to help drivers understand the importance of Comprehensive Roadside Safety Checkpoints.

Incident Reporting

All personnel will follow their respective agency guidelines regarding incident and offense reporting, as well as use of force, etc. An advanced copy of this CRSC plan will be forwarded to the Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Office. This will be the responsibility of the affected Command Officer.

NOTIFICATIONS

Advanced administrative notification of this specific CRSC was done by Sgt. William Porter via Vida Morgan of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office by means of a News Release provided 24 hours before the commencement of this CRSC.

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DIAGRAM

Refer to Page 11 for Diagram

Not to Scale

EQUIPMENT	PROVIDING AGENCY	LOCATION
TRAFFIC CONES	H.C.S.O.	Along the center lines of Culbreath Rd north of Natures Way.
1 VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGN BOARD	H.C.S.O.	On the west side of, Culbreath Rd as established by M.O.T. work zone plan.
2 (TWO) 1000 WATT LIGHT TOWERS	H.C.S.O.	SAME LOCATION

CRSC ASSIGNMENT AND SIGN-IN SHEET

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NAME	ID	INITIALS	AGENCY	ASSIGNMENT	IN	OUT
Cpl. Brendan Fitzgerald	1066698		HCSO	CO		
			HCSO	ACO		
Dep. Beau Dobson	4809		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Chris Fauskee	7378		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Felix Moret	3650		HCSO	CVO		
Dep. Jeff Carson	10160		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Greg Williams	3820		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Carl McCalla	4393		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Matthew McMurphy	8060		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. David Kennedy	7600		HCSO	CLO		
Dep. Billy Kruthers	5151		HCSO	CLO		
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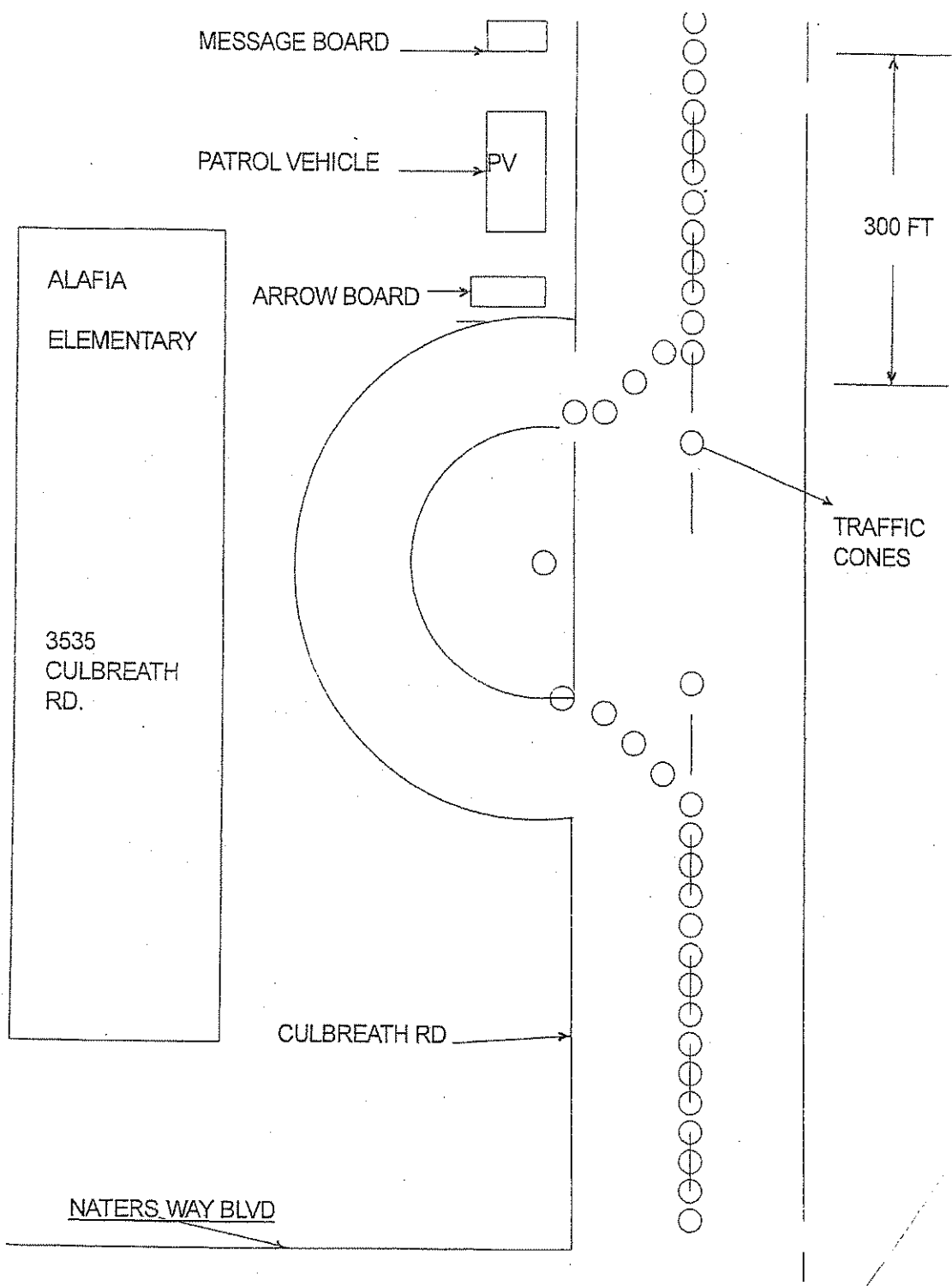
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HCSO 3D SQUAD CHECKPOINT

Checkpoint # 10-22-HCSO-1029-FDOT-FY10

DATE: 10/29/10

LOCATION: 3535 Culbreath Rd (Alafia Elementary), Brandon, Fl 33510

Start time:

End time:

Car in Lane Time:
Min/Sec:

Car in Lane Time:
Min/Sec:

Time Last Car Stopped:

Cars through Checkpoint:

Cars Stopped:

DUI Arrest:

Other Arrest:

Time and Reason Checkpoint Stopped:

Min/Sec Stopped:

Vehicle # Stopped:

Citations Issued:

Arrestees' Name

Charge

AFTER-ACTION REPORT/CRITIQUE

Upon completion of the roadside safety check, a written report will be forwarded to the Enforcement Operations Bureau Commander containing statistics, an evaluation of the operation, and recommendations for future operations. At a minimum, the following information will be gathered during the Checkpoint operation:

- Date/location of Checkpoint
- Checkpoint evaluation
- Recommendation(s) regarding future operations
- Delay Periods (number of occurrences and delay time)
- Number of motorists stopped
- Number of vehicles waived through Checkpoint
- Number of arrests, by offense
- Number of citations written
- Number of faulty equipment citations
- Copy of press release

A list of media outlets notified prior to Checkpoint

DAVID GEE, SHERIFF
Hillsborough County
Tampa, Florida

**INTER-OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 29, 2010
TO: Colonel Greg Brown
Department of Patrol Services
FROM: Corporal Brendan D. Fitzgerald #106698
District II Operation 3D Squad 290
RE: After-Action/Critique
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MESSAGE:

On Thursday, October 29, 2010, the Hillsborough County 3D DUI Task Force Deputies conducted a LowMan Roadside Safety Checkpoint. An After-Action / Critique on the Checkpoint notes the following:

Date of Checkpoint: Friday, October 29, 2010
Location of Checkpoint: 3535 Culbreath Rd (Alafia Elementary), Brandon, FL 33510

Start time: 2215 hours End time: 2315 hours

NOTE: Every was car stopped until 2315 hours.

Random time sample:

2245 hours, the vehicle was in lane for 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

2300 hours, the vehicle was in lane for 2 minutes and 20 seconds.

94 vehicles passed through the Checkpoint.

94 motorists were stopped.

Citations Written: 2 ((1) Improper Equipment & (1) Expired Tag)

DUI Arrest: 0

Arrest: 1 (Possession Alcohol Under 21 YOA & Possession of Marijuana Under 20 grams)

APPROVED	DISAPPROVED	ACK	DATE	NAME	TITLE
[]	[]	[]	_____		Sergeant
[]	[]	[]	_____		Captain
[]	[]	[]	_____		Major
[]	[]	[]	_____		Colonel