

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR  
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

**NOTICE**  
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**TO:** All Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

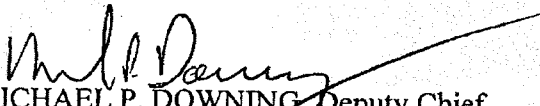
**SUBJECT:** SLAP ON THE WRIST PROGRAM

Every year, more than 200 people are killed in traffic collisions in the City of Los Angeles. Nearly half of these people are killed while they are walking or bicycling. Our streets must be safer. The City of Los Angeles has embarked on a historic and aggressive traffic safety campaign utilizing education, engineering, enforcement and evaluation to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by the year 2025. This campaign has been titled Vision Zero.


A central component to achieving this goal is through increased traffic safety education with particular emphasis on pedestrian safety. One program being utilized by various Southern Californian law enforcement agencies is the "Slap on the Wrist" program. This program enables officers to convert a pedestrian stop, which is sometimes negative and avoided by field personnel, into a positive educational encounter to raise pedestrian safety awareness. The program requires officers to conduct a legal detention based on a pedestrian traffic violation.

At the conclusion of the traffic stop, officers will hand the violator a slap bracelet as a reminder of the importance of pedestrian safety. The florescent bracelet has a simple message "L.A.P.D. Walk Safe", and when worn, warns approaching drivers of the pedestrians whereabouts. **The bracelet shall be handed to the community member and not placed or slapped on the community member's wrist.** Since this is a legal detention, officers are required to complete a Field Data Report and document the pedestrian stop on their Traffic Daily Field Activity Report.

The distribution of the slap on the wrist bracelets will be coordinated by Traffic Coordination Section in conjunction with each respective traffic division. If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.

  
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