

DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Traffic Division Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: "CITE AND RELEASE" DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE PILOT PROGRAM

As a result of a recommendation received from West Traffic Division (WTD), the Department has implemented a six-month "Cite and Release" pilot program in Operations-West Bureau (OWB). The "Cite and Release" program will authorize WTD officers to cite and release an individual arrested for a misdemeanor driving under-the-influence (DUI) offense. The objective of the program is to reduce the amount of time an officer spends booking DUI arrestees thereby maximizing the officer's available patrol hours during his/her duty shift.

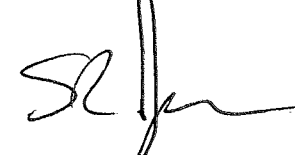
The "Cite and Release" program requires that an arrestee provide a chemical test, have valid identification, have no prior DUI arrests or warrants, and must have a responsible adult who is able to respond to care for the arrestee. Prior to being released, an arrestee shall have his/her fingerprints checked via "Livescan" to verify the arrestee's identification. After being positively identified, the arresting officer shall issue a Notice to Appear, Form 05.02.02, and direct them to the appropriate court. The name, date of birth, driver's license or identification number, address and telephone number of the responsible adult who is assuming responsibility for the arrestee shall be documented in the narrative of the Continuation of Notice to Appear, Form 04.50.05.

In order to effectively evaluate the "Cite and Release" program, WTD shall implement a system to track all WTD DUI arrests from July 1 through December 31, 2010. The tracking system shall document the booking number, whether or not the "Cite and Release" procedures were utilized, and the amount of time it took the officer to process the arrestee. At the conclusion of the pilot program, a written response shall be completed evaluating the effectiveness of the program and any recommendations to improve the established procedures.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section at Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.


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