

DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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TO: All Commanding Officers

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Special Operations Bureau

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC COLLISION FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS TO
LOCAL HOSPITALS

As a result of the suggestions received from the four bureau traffic divisions to streamline traffic collision investigations, it was revealed that the policies and procedures for handling traffic collisions involving visible injuries needs to be amended. Currently, officers are required to conduct follow-ups to local hospitals in order to obtain a patient number and physician name for the "Injured/Witness/Passenger" page of the traffic collision report. These follow-ups often result in officers spending an extraordinary amount of time waiting in the hospital.

Effective immediately, the concerned officer's watch commander shall have the discretion in determining whether a follow-up investigation to local hospitals for visible injury traffic collisions is necessary. The decision not to conduct a follow-up investigation will be reserved for those investigations where the officer has obtained a statement from the injured party prior to them being transported and injuries have been verified. Officers shall document the rescue ambulance transporting, the names of the paramedics, the hospital where the injured person was transported and shall ensure an exchange of information is completed.

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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