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1. **POLICY:** It is the department's policy to develop and enforce policies to reduce the incidence of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

2. **PURPOSE:** This directive establishes the department's alcohol enforcement countermeasures program. The primary objective of the program is to reduce alcohol- and/or drug-related traffic offenses by fielding units that are specially trained and equipped to apprehend and process alcohol- or drug-impaired drivers. Special emphasis is placed on enforcement of laws related to driving while intoxicated and other statutes restricting drinking and driving. Training will be provided to develop officer skills in detecting those persons who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

3. **ADMINISTRATION:** The commander of the Traffic Safety Section will coordinate all department alcohol enforcement countermeasure programs to ensure maximum cooperation within the department. The Traffic Safety Section will maintain all records of such programs and their results.

4. **DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION:** All members of the department are encouraged to suggest methods of selective enforcement directed at DWI/DUI offenders. Patrol division district commanders will use data supplied by Traffic Safety or developed through their own efforts to formulate anti-DWI/DUI enforcement programs and initiatives. Whenever such a program or initiative is implemented, the Traffic Safety Section must be informed of its duration, nature, and results in order to maintain adequate records. Examples of the types of programs to be implemented include:
 - a. Selective assignment of personnel at the time when and to the locations where analyses have shown a significant number of violations and/or accidents involving impaired drivers have occurred;

 - b. Selective surveillance of roadways on which there has been an unusual incidence of drinking-driving accidents to ascertain the characteristic violation profile of the problem drinker who drives;

 - c. Selected alcohol-related accident investigations and analyses of findings;

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- d. Selective roadway checks for deterrence purposes; and
 - e. Selective enforcement of drinking-driving laws through concentration on existing laws and the expeditious processing of violators.
5. **TRAINING:** The department encourages officers to apply for specialized training in alcohol and drug enforcement techniques, such as the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program. Training will be provided as it becomes available, subject to budgetary and staffing considerations.