

Truro Police Department

STANDING MOTOR VEHICLES

Policy Number: OPS-6.10

Effective Date: June 1, 2000

REFERENCE:

Accreditation Standards:

Mass. Gen. Law:

Other:

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Truro Police Department, due to the rural setting of the town, to stop and investigate all vehicles found standing on or off roadways, rest areas, closed businesses, or any other location, which an officer may deem necessary.

PROCEDURE :

1. Officers will advise the dispatcher of the vehicles registration, description, and location.
2. Check vehicles for occupants to ascertain the following:
 - a. Well being of any occupants.
 - b. Whether or not the occupants is experiencing auto problems.
 - c. Officers will assist occupants in any manner as may deem proper except:
 - i. Officers will not use their cruisers to push or jump-start another vehicle.
 - ii. Officers will not physically push a vehicle, except in extreme emergencies.
 - d. If the vehicle is unoccupied and parked on or along a roadway the officer shall:
 - e. Attempt to obtain the owners name and address.
 - f. Attempt to obtain the reason the vehicle is at that specific location.
 - g. Cause the owner or person responsible for the vehicle to be notified that the vehicle must be removed in a timely fashion.

- h. Affix a warning sticker to the driver's side window after completing said sticker.
 - i. If a window sticker has been affixed, an officer will check the vehicle for any damage, which could have occurred since the vehicle was last checked.
 - ii. If the vehicle has not been removed in a timely fashion, the officer shall cause said vehicle to be removed.
 - iii. This policy is to be used in conjunction with all relevant existing department policies, procedures, rules, regulations and laws.