



BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GENERAL ORDER 18-08 SECTION F

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AT SCHOOL SITES Approved: June 12, 2018

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I. DIRECTIVE

It is the policy of the Baltimore City School Police Force (“BCSPF”) to ensure the safest possible traffic environment for the students, faculty, and community in school zones when called upon to assist. This will primarily occur but is not limited to school days between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

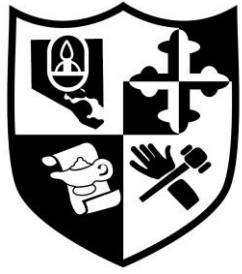
II. PURPOSE

This General Order describes the role and responsibilities of the BCSPF in regards to traffic enforcement around school zones when they are deployed to a specific site. Based on staffing and coverage concerns, BCSPF are only to be involved in traffic enforcement in the event of demonstrated need. Additionally, BCSPF are available to be contracted by schools to provide traffic enforcement by permit through the Real Estate office of Baltimore City Public Schools. In these cases, officers who work the night shift will be deployed to work during the day time to provide coverage.

III. AUTHORITY

1. Traffic Control

- a. Officers may assume control of traffic at any intersection regardless of whether such intersection is controlled by lights, controlled by other traffic control devices, or uncontrolled. Whenever an officer assumes control of traffic, all drivers of vehicles shall obey their signals.
- b. Officers may assume control of traffic otherwise controlled by lights, and in such event, signals by officers shall take precedence over such traffic control devices.
- c. Traffic shall be directed as necessary to alleviate vehicular congestion and to



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ensure safety for pedestrians.

2. Parking Enforcement

- a. Officers shall try to prevent the double parking of vehicles.
 - i. Double parked vehicles impede the flow of traffic and often exacerbate aggressive driving in school zones, as motorists try to pass the illegally stopped vehicles.
 - ii. Double parked vehicles create unnecessarily dangerous obstacles for pedestrians.
- b. Attention shall be paid to ensure that vehicles are not parked illegally which may prevent MTA or school buses from being able to safely drop-off/pick-up students.
- c. Parking citations may be issued to individuals who are parked illegally.
- d. Officers may utilize a towing service to remove vehicles who are parked illegally.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be effective on the date of publication.

I certify that I have read and fully understand this Order.

Signature _____

Date _____