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## I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to establish the Andover Police Department's alcohol enforcement countermeasures.

## II. Policy

It shall be the policy of this agency to use saturation patrols and DUI check lanes as countermeasures to prevent and reduce the number of alcohol related traffic incidents.

## III. Definitions

- A. Check Lane:** Any instance, not to include established roadblock procedures, where officers restrict the normal flow of traffic upon a roadway with the intent of detecting violations of Kansas statutes and/or municipal ordinances.
- B. Saturation Patrol:** A tactic where increased numbers of officers are assigned to a specific patrol enforcement assignment.


## IV. Regulations

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## V. Procedures

### A. Countermeasures


1. Periodically throughout the year the Andover Police Department will participate in special enforcement measures that will detect and deter impaired drivers, such as Operation Impact. The Andover Police Department will attempt to participate in these events as resources allow.
2. The Kansas Department of Transportation may also provide grants that may include incentives, in which the department may participate. These grants may include projects such as seat belt enforcement, child restraint enforcement, and DUI enforcement. These programs will be used as part of the department's alcohol enforcement countermeasures (LE 61.1.9).

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3. Only members that have completed training that help identify impaired drivers will participate in these programs. Members must have completed their Field Training Program prior to participating in these programs.
4. During these programs, officers will focus their time and attention in locations of possible or suspected areas of impaired driving. Officers will only focus on the objective at hand and will not assist road patrol unless exigent circumstances exist.
5. Members will follow the guidelines set out by the specific program(s) to which they are assigned.
6. A sworn supervisor will be in charge of gathering information, handing out the information and collecting data from the enforcement. The program data will be submitted as required by program requirements and copies provided to the Operations Commander.
7. The supervisor in charge will hold meetings prior to the event to determine the officers who will be assigned, explain the program, and hand out any information and forms, if necessary.

**B. Check Lanes (LE 61.1.6d)**

1. Check Lanes should only be conducted after the check lane plan is approved by the Operations Commander and prior notification has been given to the Communications Director. The check lane plan must be in compliance with guidelines established by the Kansas Department of Transportation Impaired Driving Deterrence Program and established case law.
2. A sworn supervisor will be in charge of the check lane and will consider the following when determining a time and location:
  - a. Topography (hills, curves, bridges, etc.);
  - b. Width of the roadway and shoulders;
  - c. Lighting;
  - d. Sufficient off-road area to safely accommodate vehicles and persons requiring additional processing;
  - e. Locations with minimal pedestrian traffic;
  - f. Visibility of assigned officers, including reflective vests and advanced warning devices.
3. Each check lane will have a pre-determined starting and ending time. Members will strictly follow the times set up by the supervisor in charge.
4. In a reasonable time prior to the check lane, the supervisor in charge will notify the media for public release of the date, time, and purpose of the check lane.
5. Prior to a check lane, the supervisor in charge will hold a briefing. All members participating in the check lane will be required to be present at the briefing.
6. Briefings will have the following purpose:

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- a. Inform participants of the check lane's limits of discretion in relation to the purpose and scope of the check lane.
- b. Inform participants of the location;
- c. Assign members to certain tasks.
7. During a check lane, advanced warning signs will be at a minimum distance of 500 feet in a rural area and as close as practical to that distance in urban areas.
8. Advanced warning signs shall consist of:
  - a. Authorized devices stating, "Police Check Lane Ahead" and/or;
  - b. Marked patrol vehicle(s) utilizing emergency lights and/or overhead flashers and an assigned member to provide a verbal explanation and instructions.
9. The average detention time of a motorist during the check lane will not exceed three (3) minutes from the advanced warning point to the completion of a routine check. Supervisors will monitor detention times and when time exceeds three minutes will use alternative measures to ensure compliance with the time restriction. Time expended conducting additional investigation, issuing NTAs or warnings is not included when computing average detention time.
10. Check lanes should be carefully planned to minimize avoidance by motorists. While an attempt to avoid the check lane may arouse suspicion, mere suspicion is not justification for stopping a vehicle. As with any other traffic stop, probable cause must be present.
11. After each check lane, the supervisor in charge will be responsible for obtaining and recording the following information:
  - a. Check lane date;
  - b. Duration;
  - c. Location;
  - d. Names of assigned members;
  - e. Total number of vehicles checked;
  - f. Total enforcement activity.
  - g. Average driver detention time, not including time for additional investigation.
12. The Supervisor in charge will forward this information to the Operations Commander who will review the effectiveness of the efforts and maintain that information on file.
13. The Operations Commander will forward a copy of the information compiled from each check lane to the Chief of Police for review.

### **C. Saturation Patrols**

1. Saturation patrols will be approved by the Operations Commander.
2. Prior to the saturation patrol the coordinator of the saturation patrol will notify the Communications Director and all patrol supervisors of the upcoming event.



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The notification will include any special instructions necessary to properly supervise officers assigned to the event.

3. Officers assigned to saturation activities will report to the on-duty Watch Commander before starting their saturation patrol shift.
4. While engaged in saturation patrol efforts, assigned officers will be focused on the objectives of the saturation patrol and will not be used for calls for service absent exigent circumstances.