



TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER: 07.400

	ROADBLOCKS	
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CALEA STANDARDS: 41.2.3		

07.401 DEFINITIONS

- A. A roadblock is defined as any method utilizing signs, barricades, actual physical obstruction, or other devices for the purpose of establishing a stationary physical impediment to traffic in order to stop a vehicle or vehicles on a highway or street, to effect the apprehension of an actual or suspected violator, or for any other emergency situation. A roll-up or portable roadblock system is the **only** method authorized for used by the Tyler Police Department.

07.402 CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Since the potential for harm exists in the use of a roll-up or portable roadblock system, the following will apply:
1. Prior to considering the deployment of a roadblock, the employee has reason to believe that the continued or potential movement of a vehicle would place others in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death.
 2. When the apparent risk of harm to others is so great that it outweighs the seeming risk of harm involved.
 3. After all other reasonable means of apprehension have been considered and rejected as impractical.

07.403 THE USE OF A ROLL-UP OR PORTABLE ROADBLOCK

- A. Definition
1. A roll-up or portable roadblock is by defined by this agency as a physically blocking a roadway with a tire deflation device for the purpose of stopping, detouring, or disabling an approaching vehicle. Only Department authorized

tire deflation devices shall be used for this purpose.

B. Training

1. All newly hired sworn personnel are required to complete training on the department's authorized tire deflation device prior to reaching "Solo" patrol status.
 - a. Sworn personnel may periodically attend in-service training concerning the department's authorized tire deflation device.

C. Pursuit Deployment

1. A tire deflation device may be deployed when all other established pursuit procedures have failed to terminate a pursuit, see [General Order 07.200: Pursuit Policy](#).
 - a. The deployment of a tire deflation device may arise as a means to terminate a pursuit before deadly force would become an option, but does not exclude the devices use after deadly force is authorized.
2. The authorized tire deflation device will only be used by sworn personnel that having completed training through a department approved training program.
 - a. A sworn supervisor must approve the use of a department authorized tire deflation device prior to its deployment.
3. The use of an authorized tire deflation device will only be deployed during a time and at a location where the safety of the general public, the pursuing officer(s), and the violator have been given due consideration. Considerations would include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Speed of the violator in relation to the volume of traffic.
 - 1) The likelihood of our actions to cause the pursued vehicle to careen out of control and collide with other vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall be considered; the decision to deploy the deflation device will be made with everyone's safety in mind.
 - b. Time of day and traffic volume.
 - c. The ability or inability to effective communication concerning the deployment of the deflation device.
4. The position of the deploying officer's marked vehicle.
 - a. The marked vehicle shall be parked out of the roadway or at a location that is least likely to cause a collision with the pursued or


pursuing vehicles. At a minimum the vehicle's department authorized emergency lights shall be activated.

- b. The location shall also be chosen to ensure the best degree of visibility by oncoming traffic and allow pursuing vehicles to reduce their speed in order to avoid contact with the device; giving the deploying officer time to remove the device from the roadway.
5. Any time the tire deflation device is deployed and contacted during a motor vehicle pursuit, a Pursuit Review Report will be completed for review by the chain of command.

D. Non-Pursuit Deployment

1. A department authorized tire deflation device may be deployed on public or private property under special circumstances to prevent the movement of a stationary vehicle that poses a safety concern (i.e. unconscious driver at the wheel of vehicle whose engine is on).
 - a. Although this policy does not require or necessitate that sworn personnel follow this practice, it is recommended.
 - b. A Pursuit Review Report does not have to be completed for review by the chain of command if a tire deflation device is deployed and contacted under these circumstance.

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