



# *Winters Police Department*

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## **GENERAL ORDER #16-04 TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATIONS**

**Date: September 30, 2016**

### **I. PURPOSE**

This General Order is to supplement the Winters Police Department Policy 502.4.2 "TRAFFIC COLLISIONS WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES"

### **II. PROCEDURE**

#### **A. REPORTING SITUATIONS**

- a. Winters Police Department Policy 502.4.2 "TRAFFIC COLLISIONS WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES" will be adhered to in all collisions resulting in a serious injury or fatality.
- b. Supervisory discretion should be utilized in requesting the assistance of the California Highway Patrol when an employee of this department, either on-duty or off-duty, is involved in a traffic collision within the jurisdiction of the Winters Police Department in which the primary collision factor is questionable or substantial property damage has resulted.
- c. Minor collisions, even in which the primary collision factor is readily determinable to be the fault of department employee, should not normally require the assistance of the California Highway Patrol outside extenuating or unusual circumstances.

#### **B. STATEMENTS**

- a. California Government Code §§3305 and 3306 will be adhered to in all cases involving the investigation and discipline of department employees regarding traffic collisions.
- b. Nothing in this General Order prohibits the involved department employee from giving a voluntary statement to the investigating officer of the California Highway Patrol; however, the department employee should be aware this voluntary statement may be used against them in an administrative investigation and any subsequent decision on discipline.

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