



IM63

MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

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POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall provide Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, regarding the inspection or mechanical testing of motor vehicles to ensure compliance with vehicle safety legislation.

REASON FOR POLICY

2. To seek to ensure the safety of vehicles on public highways.

RELATED POLICIES

- IM60 – Motor Vehicle Collisions
- IM61 – Traffic Enforcement, Management & Towing

PROCEDURES

Notice & Order

3. If a member has reason to believe that a vehicle is mechanically, structurally, or otherwise not compliant with applicable legal requirements or unsafe for use, the member may issue a Notice & Order directing the driver or owner of the vehicle to:



- a) make specific repairs to minor defects within a specified time period (Notice & Order – Box 3);
 - b) take the vehicle to a designated inspection facility to determine compliance with legislation (Notice & Order – Box 2); or
 - c) in cases where serious defects or other safety violations are found, immediately remove the vehicle from the highway and take it to a designated inspection facility to determine compliance with legislation (Notice & Order – Box 1) (refer to Policy IM61 – *Traffic Enforcement, Management & Towing*).
4. A member may stop a commercial vehicle:
- a) to inspect the daily logs and supporting documents;
 - b) to measure, inspect or weigh the vehicle, its load, or tires to determine compliance with legislation; or
 - c) if the load the vehicle is carrying appears unsafe to operate on a highway, and to rearrange, remove or further secure it before proceeding.
5. If a person is found to be driving a vehicle that is the subject of a Notice & Order and has not yet complied with it, the member may issue the driver a violation ticket and, based on the degree of noncompliance with the Notice & Order or safety considerations, have the vehicle removed from the highway.

Seizing a Vehicle for Mechanical Inspection

6. If a vehicle has been seized by a member for a mechanical inspection:
- a) the owner shall be given the opportunity to conduct an independent inspection and provide notification in writing of the same; or
 - b) the mechanical tests and analyst work must be completed as soon as practicable.

Inspections Related to Collisions

7. For motor vehicle inspections relating to collisions, refer to Policy IM60 – *Motor Vehicle Collisions*.



Delta Police Department Policy

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