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## ROADBLOCKS

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### POLICY

1. The Chief Constable shall establish Procedures, pursuant to this Policy, regarding the use of roadblocks, giving maximum consideration to the safety of the public in their use.

### REASON FOR POLICY

2. To provide members with direction in the effective and safe use of roadblocks.

### RELATED POLICIES

DP50 – Personal Protective Equipment  
IP72 – Vehicle Disabling (Tire & Exhaust Devices)  
IR11 – Police Vehicle Pursuit

### PROCEDURES

3. Members may use roadblocks:
  - a) to control or direct specific vehicles or traffic generally, and as practicable, seeking to facilitate the continued flow of traffic;
  - b) to terminate a vehicle pursuit and apprehend suspects (refer to Policy IR11 – *Police Vehicle Pursuit*); and
  - c) in support of performing vehicle checks.
4. When engaged in a roadblock, members shall seek to make themselves and their vehicles as visible as possible, including wearing high visibility clothing, activating the vehicle's emergency lights, and vehicle placement (refer to Policy DP50 – *Personal Protective Equipment*).
5. Members are responsible for:

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- a) choosing the site of the roadblock;
- b) ensuring the location of the roadblock is communicated to the Dispatch Centre;
- c) setting up roadblocks so that they are clearly visible and traffic has sufficient opportunity to come to a stop; and
- d) ensuring that the roadblock is set up so as to facilitate the safe movement of vehicles in and out of the roadblock.

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