High Risk Traffic Stop Procedure

1 Initial Tactics
- Radio vehicle plate, description, occupant info
- Communicate high-risk stop decision to other units
- Pre-plan location for stop
- Initiate stop & position units (Contact / Cover)

2 Initial Instructions (Contact Officer)
- Assume position of cover
- Announce:
  - “Turn off engine”
  - “Don’t move”
  - “Throw keys out window”
  - “Driver / Passenger: put your hands against windshield”
  - “Backseat: put hands on back of front seat”
- Approach in a manner to reduce risk to officer(s)

3 Removal of Occupants (Contact Officer)
- Announce (begin with driver)
  - “Reach your hand out the window and open the door from the outside”
  - “Step out of the car”
  - “Put your hands up”
  - “Put your hands behind your head”
  - “Kick the door shut”

4 Control (Contact Officer)
- Maintain cover & announce:
  - “With your hands up, walk backwards toward the sound of my voice” (have subject move to left / right as necessary)
- When positioned correctly instruct subject to kneel
  - “Lie flat on your front w/arms out to sides”
  - “Palms up”
  - “Cross your feet at the ankles”
**5 Custody From Prone Position (Cover Officer)**
- Instruct to turn head away from custody officer

**6 Clear Vehicle (Contact & Cover)**
- “You in vehicle — we know you are there — sit up now”
- Clear vehicle — maximize officer safety

## High Risk Traffic Stop Positioning

### ENSURE OFFICER SAFETY

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<td><strong>2 Cover Officer:</strong></td>
<td>✓ Takes occupants into custody</td>
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<td><strong>3 Custody Location:</strong></td>
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<td>✓ Location where occupants are taken into custody</td>
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<td><strong>4 Additional Cover Officers:</strong></td>
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<td>✓ Patrol units behind primary units</td>
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Unknown Risk Traffic Stop

ENSURE OFFICER SAFETY

1 Initial Tactics
✓ Check “want” status on vehicle plate
✓ Pre-plan location of stop
✓ Radio vehicle plate & location of stop
✓ Activate overhead lights & effect vehicle stop
✓ Position patrol unit for maximum cover
✓ Observe actions of vehicle occupants
✓ Illuminate interior of occupant’s vehicle

2 Approach & Contact
✓ Maintain tactical advantage
✓ Pre-plan escape route(s) & positions of cover
✓ Check to see if trunk lid is latched
✓ Contact driver - maintain tactical position

3 Obtain Necessary Information for Contact
4 Conduct State / NCIC / Driving Status Inquiry
5 Citation / Warning / Search, etc.
6 Advise Dispatch You Are Clear From The Stop