

## 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

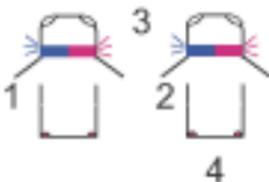
## ENSURE OFFICER SAFETY

### 1 Contact Officer:

- ✓ Responsible for business of stop
- ✓ Communicates with occupants

### 2 Cover Officer:

- ✓ Provides cover for contact officer



- ✓ Takes occupants into custody

### 3 Custody Location:

- ✓ Location where occupants are taken into custody
- ✓ Location may be moved to ensure officer safety

### 4 Additional Cover Officers:

- ✓ Patrol units behind primary units
- ✓ Assume position of cover at primary units

## 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