

# Safety (Traffic) Checks

Dallas Police Department



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# Safety Checks

- ▶ Probable cause based traffic stops (traffic violations observed) where the officer is on foot as opposed to being in a vehicle.
- ▶ A systematic check of vehicles and drivers to ensure traffic laws are being followed.
- ▶ Operated from a fixed point.
- ▶ Approved by a supervisor.
- ▶ Conducted in accordance with legal guidelines and Departmental Standard Operating Procedures.

# Locations

- ▶ Areas with high concentration of motor vehicle accidents
- ▶ Citizen complaints from within various patrol divisions
- ▶ City Council complaints

# Types of Enforcement

- ▶ Seat Belt Violations
- ▶ Safety Inspection
- ▶ Registration
- ▶ Child Safety Restraints
- ▶ Head lights
- ▶ Brake lights
- ▶ Peripheral Violations
  - Driver's License
  - Insurance
  - Traffic Warrants

# Overall Effects

- ▶ Increased police presence and visibility
- ▶ Positive community action

# Questions?

