**Felony Traffic Stop Updates for 2023 State**

When are traffic stops performed:

Examples:

* There is a felony warrant
* The vehicle is stolen
* There is suspicion of involvement in a felony crime
* There is a threat to officer safety.

The judges will be using the Felony Traffic Stop rubric/score sheet.

When conducting a felony traffic stop you should never attempt to do it on your own. Always have a partner in your vehicle and call dispatch for backup. The team will have two officers to assist with the stop and arrest.

• Primary Officer

• Secondary Officer (rides with the Primary Officer)

Each officer has his or her own responsibilities during the felony traffic stop.

The **primary officer** will be in charge of driving the first vehicle, giving the commands to the occupants of the offending vehicle and performing as a vehicle search officer.

The **secondary officer** acts as the arresting officer and radio operator. The backup unit will consist of another arresting officer and a vehicle search officer.

Positions of Vehicles and Officers

* Officer vehicles are parked primary on driver side and secondary on passenger side.
* Officers take cover behind the vehicle door.

The primary officer commands/actions the driver and other passengers to **but not limited to**:

* + - Put his hands out of the window
    - Throw the keys out of the window
    - Open the door from the outside with his left hand
    - Lift up his or her shirt and turn around
    - Face away from the officer and walk backwards to the sound of the officer’s voice
    - Take a few steps to the right, when the suspect is close enough
    - Stop and get on his or her knees or stomach
    - All other commands and responsibilities of the primary officer

The secondary officer actions/commands the driver/passengers to **but not limited to**:

* Arrests the suspect
* Takes the suspect to his car
* Searches the suspect