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CHAPTER 81-D
REDDI

81-D.1.0 Discussion:

Driving While Intoxicated is an insidious crime where the potential for harm has reached critical proportions. The State Police in a total effort to reduce such atrocities have created a toll free telephone line to assist the public in reporting such complaints. The guidelines established by this procedure shall be followed when a citizens DWI complaint is received.

81-D.1.1 Definition:

- A. REDDI - Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately - a program in which a toll free number is used to enable citizens to report a person driving erratic on the highway.

81-D.1.2 Scope:

- A. This procedure applies whenever a call in reference to a Driving While Intoxicated complaint is received at Headquarters or Troop Communications.

81-D.1.3 Procedure:

- A. Headquarters Communications
1. Whenever a call is received in reference to a possible DWI complaint, the following details will be obtained if possible:
 - a) Time suspect vehicle was observed.
 - b) Location of suspect vehicle by town, route and local reference point.
 - c) Direction of travel.

- d) Description of suspect vehicle by registration, make, model, year, color, etc.
 - e) Specific details as to how the vehicle was being operated erratically.
 - f) Caller's name and address if volunteered.
2. Distribution of information to law enforcement agencies and/or personnel:
- a) On interstate highways, toll roads and in towns with less than 3,000 population or without a full time police department, the trooper(s) in that affected vicinity shall be notified as soon as possible first, followed by contacting the local police agency if available.
 - b) In towns with more than 3,000 which have full time police departments, the local agency will be notified as soon as possible first, followed by notification to the trooper(s) in the vicinity.
 - c) If questions of jurisdiction, etc., should arise, State Police personnel shall be given preference as to initial notification.
3. Within the first hour after distribution of the information on the suspect DWI offender, inquiry shall be made to the responding agency or personnel to determine:
- a) Was the vehicle and operator stopped and checked?
 - b) What, if any, enforcement action taken?
4. All preceding information will be entered into the REDDI Log as it is completed and received.

B. Troop Stations

1. Whenever a State Police Troop Station receives the complaint covered by the REDDI program, the following procedures will be completed:
- a) Steps A-1 through A-3 as designated above.
 - b) Transmittal of all required information to Headquarters Communications as available for entry into the REDDI Log.

C. Patrol Personnel

1. Upon receiving information from Headquarters or a Troop Station regarding a possible DWI complaint, State Police personnel shall:

- a) Make every attempt to respond and locate the suspect vehicle.
- b) Determine the validity of the complaint through the development of their own independent probable cause.
- c) Take the appropriate enforcement action(s) as governed by the situation.
- d) Provide Headquarters or the Troop Station with the necessary information to complete the REDDI Log. Information shall be given to that Communications Center that originally provided the request.
- e) When a trooper receives a complaint from a citizen that results in a DWI arrest, that information will be logged as a REDDI call.

SOURCES:

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