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Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

Thomas Jefferson

Thoughts...

As I sit down to prepare this issue of the training newsletter I have considered some ideas and suggestions that folks have provided since reading Issue I. Many discussions have focused on topics that we should include as we move forward. With that said recent tragic events involving Indiana LEOs have determined topics in Issue II. Traffic stops and accident scenes present some of the most dangerous situations we face in the line of duty. As you go about your work, remember the sacrifice of IMPD Officer David Moore and let us wish our own Deputy Chris Blackwell a speedy recovery.

REMINDERS

IPC Training for Jail Officers and anyone else interested, March 15 and March 22, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, contact Jeff Ervin for details.

Severe Weather Training is March 8th for those officers who have been assigned.

March Breath Test Expirations – Aaron Roberts, Carey Martin, Chris Blackwell

Don't forget to check out the training calendar to see when we are having various training sessions in-house.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

METH INTERDICTION

ILEA April 29

As always, if you are interested in attending training not listed here, let Jason Moore (enforcement) or Jeff Ervin (jail) know. Enforcement officers can request training by submitting the proper training request through the link provided below. Any requests or suggestions for training topics are always appreciated.

STAY ALERT !!

February 2, 2011 – Wayne County, IN - Four Indiana law enforcement officers were struck Wednesday (February 2) as they worked crashes in the wake of the massive winter storm.

January 29, 2011 – Our Wayne County Jail Officers are not immune from the hazards we all face when it comes to driving. - A Kerhonkson man who worked at the Eastern Correctional Facility in Napanoch for the past 22-1/2 years died Friday after the prison van he was driving collided with a car and overturned.

December 9, 2010 – Orlando, FL. - Authorities in Orange County are searching for clues to determine what led to the fatal shooting of a deputy during a routine traffic stop.

If you have questions regarding training listed or an interest in attending training not found here, contact Jason Moore. Be sure to fill out a <u>training request form</u> for review if you would like to attend any training held outside the WCSD. Email reminders will be sent out when issues of this publication are ready to be viewed on http://wcsdweb2.co.wayne.in.us/training

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Indiana Code Review

Officers should take a few minutes to review the following statutes that address some of the specific safety concerns we are considering this month:

IC 9-21-8-35 Emergency vehicles; yield of right-of-way

This section of Indiana traffic code deals specifically with the responsibility of the motorist to yield the right of way to emergency vehicles displaying the appropriate emergency lights.

REMEMBER – **IC 9-21-8-35** addresses *stationary* as well as moving emergency vehicles. Certain violations of this section can result in license suspension; see <u>**IC 9-21-8-54</u>** for specific penalties. This does not, of course, relieve the operator of an emergency vehicle from exercising due regard for the safety of others.</u>

IC 9-19-19-4 Tinting, glazing, or sunscreening vehicle windows

Officers are often confused when it comes to how much tint vehicle windows are permitted to have. Quite simply, occupants of the vehicle must be easily recognized or identifiable. If not, a citation can be issued for a violation of this section. There are defenses to such a violation if there is a medical reason for the tinting or the level of tint falls within an acceptable range however, the burden of proof is on the violator.

9-21-5-1 and 9-21-5-4 Reduction of speed; conditions where required

Hopefully, the snow and ice will soon be a memory of this winter. Until then, officers should remember that it is a violation of 9-21-5-1 and 9-21-5-4 to operate a motor vehicle over a speed prudent for the roadway conditions. Obviously, snow and ice are only a few of the possible conditions for which a driver should slow their vehicle. Officers should consider these sections when issuing speeding citations to keep all of those using our roadways safe.

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TIPS & TRICKS

(Courtesy of tech guru Alan Moore)

If you have problems with the printer in your car, it may be because it was unplugged at some point when you tried to print to it. This can put the printer in "Offline" mode. To put it back online, do the following:

- 1) Select Start->Settings->Printer and Faxes
- 2) Double Click on the "Pentax PocketJet 3" printer
- 3) Select "Printer"
- 4) If "Use Printer offline" has a check next to it, click on it to take the check mark away

If you still cannot print:

- 1) Turn the printer off
- 2) Remove the top of the case from the printer, using the two thumb screws
- 3) Pull the paper out backwards
- 4) Tear off the sheet of paper you just removed and discard it
- 5) Turn the printer back on
- 6) Re-insert the paper
- 7) Check to make sure it is not set to offline mode as described above

If a ticket does not print and the printer in your car is bad, you can print it to the squad room printer and seek an alternative method to issue the citation to the offender.

REMEMBER...

If you have problems printing a ticket and decide to do a hand written ticket, be sure to void the e-ticket; otherwise, the e-ticket will be automatically submitted as well and the person will have two tickets.