

UW Whitewater Police



Traffic Diversion Program

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Special Instructions:			
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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with an additional discretionary tool when conducting a traffic stop with a cooperative subject who has committed a minor traffic infraction. Rather than issuing a citation, an officer can issue a referral to the Traffic Diversion Program (TDP).

II. Definitions

Traffic Diversion Program (TDP): Online class offered at officer discretion in lieu of a traffic citation.

III. Policy

It is the policy of the UW-Whitewater Police Department (UWYPD) to respond to and act upon incidents where traffic law violations have occurred. Officers responding to traffic law violations or conducting traffic stops shall use discretion to conclude the incident. This may include verbal or written warnings, TDP referral, issuance of citation(s), or criminal charges.

If an individual completes the TDP requirements, no citation will be issued and there will be no state record for the traffic law violation. There will be a local record at UWYPD of the individual's participation in the TDP.

IV. Procedure

- A. When an officer conducts a traffic stop or responds to a traffic violation incident, the officer will use available information, such as the severity of offense, previous contacts, to determine the best course of action to be taken.
- B. Individuals who are referred to the TDP will be informed by the officer during the contact of the referral. Officers will supply the individual being referred to the TDP with a department TDP referral card.
- C. A running list of TDP referrals/completions will be kept by administrative staff.
- D. Administrative staff will inform the officer of any TDP failures within 10 business days of a failed referral. The officer will then issue the appropriate citation and complete a new cover sheet and report.