

	Houston Independent School District Police Department Directives	DIRECTIVE: 450-022
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SUBJECT: Assistance to Motorists		REVISED DATE: January 14, 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines to assist highway motorists. This policy applies to all Houston Independent School District police personnel.

MOTORIST ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS

Time and duties permitting, police personnel may assist stranded or disabled motorists in obtaining fuel and repairs. Police personnel shall not perform repairs. Assistance may include requesting HISD Police Dispatch to call wreckers or obtaining emergency or other services, as needed. Unless extenuating circumstances exist, police vehicles shall not be used to jump-start or push (buddy bumper) non-owned vehicles.

Patrol units shall be aware of possible dangers to motorists stranded in isolated and hazardous locations on highways and public roadways. They shall take steps to reduce these threats by, for example, transporting motorists to safer locations or setting out flares to warn other motorists.

When assisting stranded or disabled motorists, police personnel shall control traffic flow on highways or roadways if needed.

Patrol units shall be able to provide citizens with directions upon request within a geographic area.

Officers shall notify dispatch of the conditions and request emergency assistance (Fire, EMS, etc.) when necessary.

HAZARDOUS HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

Officers at the scene of any hazardous highway emergency shall:

- a) Make an initial assessment of the situation upon arrival, notify the dispatcher, and request assistance, if required.
- b) Provide emergency first aid and fire suppression, as necessary.
- c) Re-evaluate the situation continuously and obtain additional assistance if needed.
- d) Continue the above services pending the arrival of appropriate emergency services.

Approved By


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