Policing the Freeway System

503.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
In order to efficiently provide police service to the freeway system within the Pasadena city limits, the responsibilities of the California Highway Patrol and the Pasadena Police Department are hereby delineated.

503.2 RESPONSIBILITIES
(a) The primary mission of the California Highway Patrol is the management and regulation of traffic on freeways and county roads. In this capacity, the CHP will normally provide the following services:
   1. Investigate all traffic collisions occurring on the freeway roadway, including on-ramps and off-ramps.
   3. Handle traffic involving any fire on the freeway or freeway right of way.
   4. Investigate any reports of pedestrians, animals or debris in the roadway.
   5. Furnish traffic enforcement patrol.
   6. Handle to conclusion incidents involving controlled substances as a result of on-view patrol activity. Juvenile suspects may be turned over to this Department for processing.
   7. The California Highway Patrol may at any time request, through appropriate channels, assistance with emergencies, which exceed their current capabilities.

(b) Pasadena Police Department:
   1. Respond to all freeway emergencies to protect life and property until relieved by the Highway Patrol.
   2. Investigate and handle to completion:
      (a) All major crimes.
      (b) Suicides and attempted suicides.
      (c) Any death not associated with a vehicle collision.
      (d) The recovery of vehicles stolen in Pasadena.
      (e) Abandoned or recovered stolen property.
      (f) The arrest of any suspect not referred to in "(a)" above.
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3. Officers of this Department will not patrol the freeway system for enforcement. Officers may reasonably use the freeways for response to urgent calls but only flagrant violations observed while in transit should receive attention.

(c) Towing

(a) Impounds

   (a) All vehicles that are to be impounded for evidence or safekeeping subsequent to Pasadena Police Department incidents will be towed only by one of the city's current towing contractors.

(b) Automobile Club Requests

   (a) The list of auto club contractors and area boundaries is maintained in the Communications Center.

(c) Specific requests will be honored if the vehicle is not a hazard and the requested towing company can respond within a reasonable time.

(d) No-preference requests will be assigned to the authorized California Highway Patrol towing agencies by area, a list of which is maintained in Communications.