



**MINNESOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT
EXPLORER ASSOCIATION
2019 STATE CONFERENCE
SCENARIO: TRAFFIC STOPS**



POST: _____ FINAL SCORE: _____

Team Members: _____

Team #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

PRE-STOP

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| 1. Location (Cross Streets/ Direction facing) | /5 |
| 2. Plate | /5 |
| 3. Vehicle description (make, color) / # of Occupants | /5 |
| 4. Articulate (clear, concise, phonetic alphabet used) | /5 |
| TOTAL | /20 |

STOP

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Light bar is activated | /1 |
| 2. Verbalizes- approximately 15 ft back from violator | /1 |
| 3. Verbalizes- squad is offset | /1 |
| 4. Verbalizes- wheels are turned to the left | /1 |
| 5. Parking brake is on | /1 |
| TOTAL | /5 |

SUSPECT VEHICLE APPROACH

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| 1. Check for traffic prior to exiting the squad- Looks and/or verbalizes | /5 |
| 2. Quiet exit from the squad (no slamming doors) | /5 |
| 3. Avoids walking in the "Line of Sight/Line of Fire" when approaching the violator vehicle | /5 |
| 4. Observes occupants during approach | /5 |
| 5. Physically checks trunk and prints the trunk | /5 |
| 6. Visually checks the interior of the vehicle at first window | /5 |
| 7. Has hands out of coat, ready to access tools on belt, flashlight in their "correct" hand | /5 |
| TOTAL | /35 |

CONTACT WITH DRIVER

1. Makes contact while remaining behind the door frame & identifies him/herself /5
2. Gains and maintains immediate control of occupants' hands /5
3. Provides the driver with an explanation of the violation /5
4. Requests driver's license and proof of insurance /5
5. Asks identifying questions /5
6. Asks open-ended questions /5
7. Advises occupants to remain in vehicle and remain still /5
8. Remains professional at all times /5
9. Makes a safe approach back to the squad (glancing back) /5

TOTAL

/45

DL, WARRANT, REGISTRATION CHECKS

1. Requests DL status, warrant checks, and registration checks /5
2. Articulate (clear, concise, phonetic alphabet) /5
3. Maintains constant visual of occupants in vehicle /5
4. Identifies arrest situation /5
5. Confirms warrant /5
6. Identifies need for back-up /5

TOTAL

/30

RE-APPROACH / ARREST

1. Primary unit waits for back-up before re-contacting vehicle /5
2. Primary unit advises back-up of situation /5
3. Safe re-approach back to violator vehicle /5
4. Driver is immediately advised they are under arrest /5
5. Using contact/cover, suspect is removed /5
6. Control is taken, maintained and suspect is immediately handcuffed /5
7. Suspect is safely handcuffed and handcuffs double-locked /5
8. Suspect is taken to a safe place for searching /5
9. A methodical, thorough search is done (suspect handcuffed) /5
10. All contraband is found during the search /5
11. Suspect is secured in the back of a squad /5

TOTAL

/55

CONTACT WITH PASSENGER

1. Makes contact while remaining behind the door frame /5
2. Gains and maintains immediate control of hands /5
3. Provides the passenger with an explanation of the situation /5
4. Requests driver's license- if applicable or can state, post arrest, reason for ID /5
5. Gets proper information from passenger /5
6. Asks identifying questions /5
7. Asks open-ended questions /5
8. Advises passenger to remain in vehicle /5
9. Remains professional at all times /5

TOTAL

/45

RE-APPROACH WITH PASSENGER

10. Requests DL status & warrant checks /5
11. Articulate (clear, concise, phonetic alphabet) /5
12. Maintains constant visual of occupant in vehicle /5
13. Safe re-approach back to violator vehicle /5
14. Provides passenger with an explanation of the situation /5

TOTAL

/25

COMPLETION OF STOP

- 1.) Passenger is safely dealt with (per department policy) /5
- 2.) Tow ordered (or vehicle secured per department policy) /5
- 3.) Vehicle search verbalized—States what portion of vehicle can be searched /5

TOTAL

/15

TRAFFIC STOP KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1.) True or False- Police can remove occupants from the vehicle on a traffic stop? /5
TRUE
- 2.) What court case allows for a warrantless search of a car? /5
Carroll v. United States
- 3.) What court case allows police to remove passengers from a vehicle and perform a pat search ? /5
Pennsylvania v. Mimms

TOTAL

/15

POINT DEDUCTIONS

- 1.) Weapon not found on driver, in vehicle or on passenger /-5
- 2.) Contraband not found on driver, in vehicle or on passenger /-5
- 3.) Illegal actions during traffic stop /-5

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS

/-15

COMMENTS

SCORE SUMMARY

PRE-STOP	/20
STOP	/5
SUSPECT VEHICLE APPROACH	/35
CONTACT WITH DRIVER	/45
DL, WARRANT, REGISTRATION CHECKS	/30
RE-APPROACH / ARREST	/55
CONTACT WITH PASSENGER	/45
RE-APPROACH WITH PASSENGER	/25
COMPLETION OF STOP	/15
TRAFFIC STOP KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS	/15
TOTAL	/290
OFFICER SAFETY DEDUCTIONS	/-15
<u>OVERALL FINAL SCENARIO SCORE</u>	<u>/290</u>