

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****August 4, 2015****Page 1 of 1****SUBJECT: BERRY STREET TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

The purpose of this informal report is to respond to a request for information regarding Marshal Division Traffic Enforcement Details being conducted on East Berry Street, east of I-35, which is adversely affecting the flow of traffic.

Deputy City Marshals routinely conduct Traffic Enforcement Details throughout the City as a method of identifying and apprehending individuals with outstanding Municipal Court warrants. These details sometimes involve "on-view" violations such as expired registration or seat belts not being worn; however, the most common details utilize License Plate Reader (LPR) technology.

Marshal vehicles equipped with LPR units will park adjacent to the roadway to allow the unit to scan all passing license plates and compare them to a database of license plates associated with Municipal Court cases in warrant status. This type of detail was conducted in or about the 1200 block of East Berry Street on several occasions during late 2014 and early 2015.

It is not an approved Marshal Division practice to conduct Traffic Enforcement Details in active school zones, construction zones or any location where such a detail may pose additional driving challenges to the public. In addition, the Marshal Division does not use any traffic control devices to manipulate the flow of traffic unless such a detail is performed in conjunction with the Fort Worth Police Department.

An inquiry revealed that some Deputy City Marshals parked in the turn lane in order to maximize the effectiveness of the LPR. This position enables the LPR to scan license plates of vehicles traveling in both directions. However, this practice produces challenges to drivers wanting to make turns across traffic in close proximity to where a Marshal vehicle is parked and is not acceptable.

The Deputy Marshals involved have been counseled on the additional driving challenges this practice creates and their behavior has been corrected. All deputy marshals have been notified and made aware that this is not an approved practice.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Deidra Emerson, Municipal Court Services Director or David Camp, City Marshal at 817-392-6711.

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