

TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Effective: November 17, 2015	Subject: ROAD BARRIER DEVICE
Rescinded:	

GENERAL ORDER O-4-4 (A)

Purpose

This policy will outline procedures to be followed for the use of the “Stop Stick”. Stop Sticks are three (3), 3’ sticks in a nylon sleeve, designed to assist officers in terminating vehicle pursuits or restricting vehicle access. These procedures will ensure the safety of officers involved in using Stop Sticks, and the general public.

Policy

- A. It will be the policy of the Cheektowaga Police Department to authorize the use of the “Stop Stick” to bring a vehicle to a controlled stop.
 1. The “Stop Stick” will be assigned to marked patrol vehicles only.
 2. Only Officers who have been trained in the proper deployment of the “Stop Stick” may deploy same.
 3. Officers attempting to deploy the “Stop Stick” will notify the shift supervisor, if possible.
 4. The “Stop Stick” may be deployed under circumstances such as:
 - a. To slow or bring a pursued vehicle to a stop.
 - b. To slow or stop a vehicle that is wanted for a crime and is at risk of fleeing if a traditional vehicle stop is attempted.
 - c. To control access to or departure from a secured area.
 5. The “Stop Stick” will not be used to slow or stop a pursued two or three wheeled vehicle.

Procedure

- A. Officers deploying the “Stop Stick” during a pursuit will attempt to do so in the following manner:
 1. Attempt to place the device a safe distance ahead of the anticipated path of the pursued vehicle, by stopping your patrol vehicle, activating the emergency lights,

and removing the Stop Sticks from the mounting tray in the trunk of the patrol vehicle

2. Throw the device to the other side of the road from a position of safety.
 3. Notify the pursuing officer and dispatch of the position of the device.
 4. Pull the device across the roadway into the path of the pursued vehicle before the front tires of the pursued vehicle reach the "Stop Stick."
 5. Remove the device immediately after the pursued vehicle passes, by quickly pulling the cord reel.
 6. Remove the device from the roadway prior to assisting pursuing officers in the apprehension of the subject unless officer safety concerns dictate otherwise.
 7. Officers pursuing a vehicle that has run over the "Stop Stick" will back off the pursuit when notified that the "Stop Stick" has been deployed, so as to give the deploying officer a chance to remove the Stop Sticks from the roadway
- B. After the deployment of the "Stop Sticks" the Captain of Patrol will be notified and make arrangements for any repair to the equipment.
- C. The Stop Sticks may be deployed to terminate a pursuit initiated by an outside agency.
1. When assisting another agency this policy will be adhered to.
- D. Use of this device will be documented in the original police report or in a police report entitled "assist other agency," whichever is appropriate.
- E. Officers assigned to patrol vehicles with Stop Sticks must inspect the device for damage at the beginning of their shift. Officer will immediately report any damage to their supervisor.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Chief of Police:</u>
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