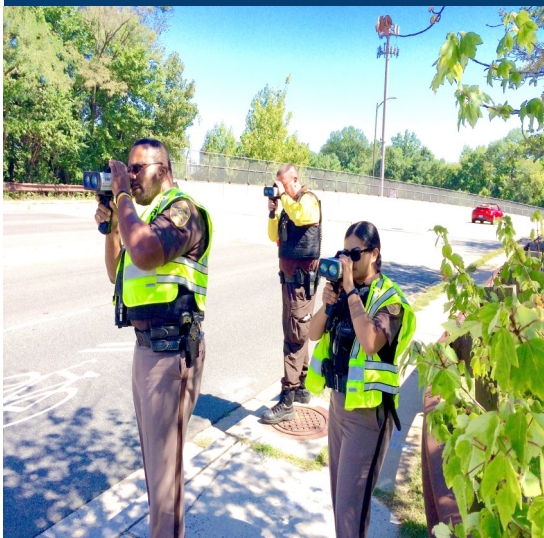




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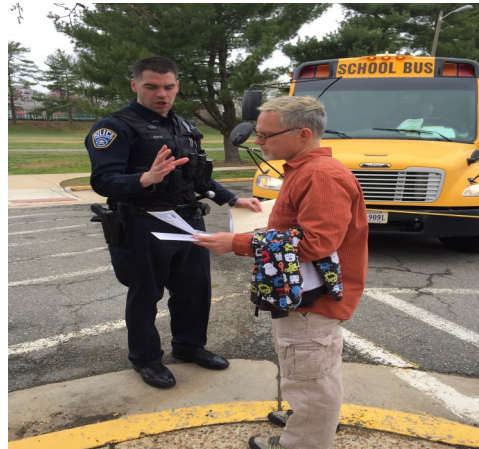
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INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

- ◆ Remain calm and collected throughout the encounter.
- ◆ Do not resist arrest.
- ◆ Never attempt to interfere with an arrest of others (even if you know the subject).
- ◆ The officer will provide you with their name and badge number upon request.
- ◆ If you feel the officer acted inappropriately, speak to a supervisor and report misconduct immediately.

IF YOU ARE STOPPED ON THE STREET

- ◆ Do not run.
- ◆ Determine if you are free to go - "Are you detaining me or am I free to go?"
- ◆ Identify yourself.
- ◆ Keep your hands visible.
- ◆ Do not touch an officer.
- ◆ Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge.
- ◆ If you do have a weapon on you, inform the officer immediately of its location. Do not attempt to remove the weapon yourself.
- ◆ You may be subject to a pat down or search and should cooperate/not resist.



IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN A VEHICLE

- ◆ Slow down and safely pull over to the right as soon as possible.
- ◆ Stay in the driver's seat with both hands in sight on the steering wheel. If it is nighttime, turn the interior lights on.
- ◆ Comply with the officer's request to see your license and registration. If you have to reach for the documents, inform the officer of their location.
- ◆ If you are issued a ticket, sign it. Signing the ticket is not an admission of guilt. You can be arrested and brought before the magistrate for failure to sign.



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