

CONNECTICUT QUICK CLEARANCE - SIGNED POLICY 11-2-1995

This agreement made this 2nd day of November, 1995 by and between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) establishes a policy for State Police and DOT personnel to remove vehicles from roadways and restore a safe and orderly flow of traffic following a motor vehicle accident or incident on a state highway.

Nothing in this policy is meant to inhibit or interfere with the authority of fire officials under Section 7-313e of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, whenever any fire department responds to and takes action at the scene of an emergency, the implementation of this policy shall be coordinated with the fire chief or fire officer-in-charge.

Both agencies agree that public safety has the highest priority and it must be addressed at all times.

PURPOSE: To enable the safe movement of traffic.

To minimize the congestion cost of highway incidents.

To prevent the occurrence of secondary accidents.

GENERAL: When an incident occurs on a Connecticut limited access state highway and the travel portion is totally or partially blocked, the Connecticut State Police, in cooperation with the on-scene Department of Transportation representative, shall reopen the roadway as soon as possible on a priority basis.

Members of the State Police will conduct their required investigation in as expedient a manner as possible, considering the severity of the collision and the quality of their investigation. Lengthy investigations will require investigators to work diligently in an attempt to minimize traffic delays. This may mean that certain "non-critical" portions of an investigation can be conducted at a later time when traffic congestion is non-existent (i.e., non-peak periods).

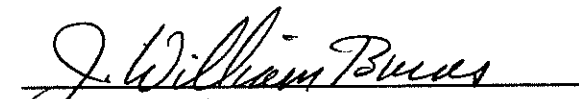
In circumstances in which it is determined that cargo or a vehicle is blocking the highway or portion thereof so as to constitute a traffic hazard or obstruction to the free movement of traffic, the Department of Transportation and/or the State Police on-scene representatives may direct the removal/relocation of the cargo or vehicle from the travel portion of the highway. Such representatives shall document the reasons for ordering the removal of the cargo and/or vehicle.

In order to avoid traffic congestion or obstructions to the free movement of traffic which may create a safety hazard, delays in the reopening of a highway caused by a company dispatching additional trucks and/or equipment will not be allowed.

If commercial help does not arrive in a reasonable time or is unable to correct the situation, the Department of Transportation will assign the necessary equipment and personnel to reopen the road or lane as soon as possible.

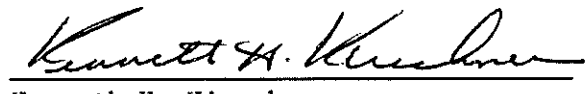
Every effort will be made to remove all material to a safe location in the shortest time possible, using whatever equipment is necessary.

In witness whereof, each party hereto has caused this document to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its duly authorized officer or agent as of this day and year first above written.



J. William Burns
Commissioner
Department of Transportation

Date: November 2, 1995



Kenneth H. Kirschner
Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Date: Oct 16, 1995