NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/23/2013	SUBJECT: **TRACS**	Number 317.10 (NYSLEAP O-47-1, O-47-9)
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I.   Purpose:

    A.   Timely and accurate data is essential to effective strategic highway safety planning. Prolonged traffic stops place the motoring public and police officers at a greater risk of vehicle collisions. To remedy this, the Niagara Falls Police Department shall use the TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) System for traffic enforcement.

II.   Policy:

    A.   The Niagara Falls Police Department shall implement and use the Traffic and Criminal Software System (TraCS) as the primary means of enforcing Vehicle and Traffic Laws.

    B.   The issuance of written UTT's shall be the back-up method of enforcing Vehicle and Traffic Laws.

III.   Procedure:

    A.   TraCS is a front-end automated data collection computer application. Since its inception in February 2000, the TraCS Team has created a statewide electronic traffic ticket and motor vehicle crash report form in TraCS for use by all police agencies in New York State. The use of GPS devices and DOT GIS maps arer incorporated into TraCS . The GPS/GIS feature ensures accurate plotting of accidents.

    B.   A data movement infrastructure was developed that allows police agencies to send their ticket and accident data electronically to DMV, DOT and the Office of Court Administration (for forwarding to the respective local courts).

    C.   In Niagara Falls, the Traffic Division Captain is responsible for electronic submission of traffic tickets and MV 104's to the State.