


MELROSE POLICE DEPARTMENT		Department Manual: Policy No. 20-04
Subject: Traffic Control / Message Board Trailer		
• MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS REFERENCED: N/A		GENERAL ORDER 20-04
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1. Background

The Melrose Police department owns and operates a Traffic Control/ Message Board Trailer. As such, the traffic trailer and its operation shall be a function of the Traffic Division of the Melrose Police Department. The Traffic Control/ Message Board Shall only be used by the Melrose Police Department and shall not be loaned, directed to be, used by any other department of the City of Melrose or surrounding agencies. In Emergency situations the Chief or his designee can agree or arrange for short Emergency use of the Traffic Control/ Message Board Trailer.

2. Traffic Control/ Message Board

The Traffic Control/ Message Board Trailer has several functions and its use will primarily be for these functions. First, The Traffic Control Message Board will be used to initiate traffic calming thru either a pre-programmed or personally programmed message. The Chief or his designee will determine what message will appear on the message board. Secondly, The Traffic Control Message Board Trailer has the ability to record pertinent traffic information regarding the posted speed limit, traffic flow and speeds and will be used to compile this information for traffic enforcement purposes. Thirdly, the Traffic Control/ Message Board Trailer has the ability

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and will be used to compile specific information such as speeds, volume, and traffic density on public ways and to warn motorists of traffic safety issues or hazards within the City of Melrose.

3. Community Policing Functions

The Chief or his designee will determine if and when the Traffic Control/ Message Board Trailer will be used in Community Policing functions in the City of Melrose such as Melrose Police Bicycle Rodeo, Junior Police Academy and the Victorian Fair. Other functions or uses will be determined in a case by case situation, by The Chief of Police or designee.