

The Traffic Stop event is a competitive simulation that places participants in a real-world scenario of handling a misdemeanor traffic violation. Utilizing a patrol vehicle, competitors engage in a dynamic roleplay where they mimic the intricacies of a real traffic stop. They interact with a violator vehicle in a controlled environment, adhering to the standard protocols and procedures of law enforcement officer.

Entry Requirements

- Competitors in this event compete individually, not as a team.
- Chapters can only register 3 individuals to compete .

Materials

Competitors can/should provide the following materials. Competitors are only permitted to bring in the below materials to the competition. TPSA does not provide the below materials.

- **Photo Identification** Reference [the rulebook \(https://tpsa.info/rulebook\)](https://tpsa.info/rulebook) for details
- **Traffic Citation** Printed Copy of TPSA Official Traffic Citation
- **Duty Gear** 1- training pistol, 1-2 set(s) of handcuffs with key, duty belt with holsters to secure all equipment, and any additional optional training equipment (I.E. training taser, training o/c spray, etc).
- **Clipboard**
- **Writing utensil** (Blue/ Black Ink Pen)

Supplemental Documents

- [Traffic Citation](#)

Procedures and Timeline

- **Check In (10 min Time Limit)** Competitors must check in to their event at their designated **check-in time**. Competitors that arrive **ten (10) minutes** after their designated check-in time will be marked as no-shows and not be allowed to compete out of respect for the time commitment made by our Judges and Volunteers.
- **Pre-Event Briefing (5 min Time Limit)** After check-in, Competitors will be guided to the designated event area. Once there, the Moderator will provide a comprehensive briefing, detailing the event's instructions, rules, and procedures. This briefing ensures that each Competitor is well-informed and prepared for the subsequent stages of the competition.
- **Scenario Briefing (5 min Time Limit)** The judge presents a detailed briefing of the traffic stop scenario. This will include specific information about the pre-stop traffic violation that may include but not limited to the stop location, unit number, and offences observed. The judge will read directly from the hard copy scenario document. The competitor is not permitted to take notes during this portion of the event. Upon completion of reading the pre-stop information the judge will start the timer and hand the document to the competitor. The competitor may not ask questions in attempt to garner additional information or clarify provided information.
- **Roleplay (10 min Time Limit)** Competitors proceed to the traffic stop simulation, replicating the duties of an on-duty traffic enforcement officer. They conduct the 7 step traffic stop, demonstrating their skills in safety, communication, professional interaction and writing citation skills.
- **Evaluation and Scoring (5 min Time Limit)** After the completion of the event, the Judges will convene to assess each Competitor's performance based on a standardized rubric. This stage is conducted without the presence of the Competitor. Judges will evaluate the criteria outlined in the rubric to ensure a fair and objective scoring process. Once all assessments are finalized, scores will be recorded for each Competitor.

Rules

- **Command Compliance** Actors are required to adhere to all instructions and commands issued by competitors, and are expected to do so without any form of resistance or hesitation.

Professional Dress Guidelines

To secure professionalism points, competitors should dress in attire that accurately reflects what professionals in the respective public safety careers would wear while performing the tasks associated with the event. Competitors are also expected to consult and follow the professional dress guidelines in the rulebook to qualify for points. Additionally, participation is contingent upon meeting all prescribed safety protocols.

Safety Protocols

- **Emergency Stop Command: 'Index'** If the 'Index' command is issued by a Judge, Staff Member, Actor, or other designated authority, all Competitors must immediately cease all activities and actions. This includes stopping any ongoing tasks, disengaging from any current simulations, and discontinuing any interactions with other participants. If an Actor issues the 'Index' command while handcuffed, they must be immediately released from the handcuffs by the nearest Competitor or

event staff member. All Competitors must promptly secure and holster any weapons they may be handling. After holstering, Competitors should adopt a neutral, attentive posture and await further instructions from event officials. Failure to promptly and accurately comply with the 'Index' command may result in immediate disqualification and/or other appropriate actions as determined by event officials.

- **Vehicle Operation** No actual driving of vehicles will be allowed during the event. All simulated actions should be conducted with stationary vehicles only.
- **Prohibited Materials** Flash bangs, live munitions, or any type of projectiles are prohibited during the event. Use of any prohibited item will result in disqualification. Any damages that result from the use of prohibited items will be the financial responsibility of the competitors school. The chapter's membership shall be suspended.
- **Long Pants** Long pants must be worn secured at the waist and shall not extend past the sole of the shoe. No portion of the leg shall be visible.
- **Jewelry** Rings must feature a continuous, even, and unadorned exterior surface. Necklaces must not be visible from the outside of the uniform. Bracelets may not be worn. If competitors have piercings beyond a single stud in each ear, they must cover these additional piercings with band-aids or wear clear studs to maintain a professional appearance.
- **Hair** All hair must be secured out of the eyes for the duration of the event. Competitors with hair extending past the top of the shoulder shall wear their hair secured neatly in a bun or ponytail ensuring that no hair extends below the collar of the uniform. It is not an exception to the rule that a Competitor's chosen hair style is too thick to be secured above the collar.
- **Pants** Competitors must wear pants that cover the entire leg, with no portion of the leg visible. Pants shall be secured at the waist with a hem length not to extend past the sole of the shoe.
- **Shoes** Competitors must wear low-heeled, closed-toed footwear for this event.
- **Fingernail Length** Competitors' fingernails shall not extend past the tip of the finger and shall be free of any/all adornments. Color is not a factor.
- **Shirt Sleeves** IF Long sleeve shirts are worn, they shall fit closely at the wrist and not extend past the wrist.
- **Pant Length** Pants shall not extend past the sole of the shoe.

Judge Qualifications

- Must be a law enforcement officer who has completed traffic stops as part of their duties.

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| Criteria | Unattempted | Unsatisfactory | Satisfactory | Proficient | Exemplary | Points |
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| Violator 2nd contact Once the competitor completes the citation they are to re-engage the violator. The competitor must follow these steps: 1. No items in gun hand 2. Approach in a safe and tactical manner 3. Explain the citation-Violation, (must inform the violator of the steps to pay or challenge the citation) 4. Have the violator sign the citation 5. The competitor explains the signature is not an admission of guilt. | 0 Did not follow the guidelines and did not approach officer safety. | 4 The competitor showed officer safety and completed 2 of the 5 steps. | 6 The competitor showed officer safety and completed 3 of the 5 steps. | 8 The competitor showed officer safety and completed 4 of the 5 steps. | 10 The competitor showed officer safety and completed 5 of the 5 steps. | |
| Citation | | | | | | |
| Citation The competitor shall complete the citation in an accurate, legible and complete manner. The citation should not have any blank spaces. The citation must include their signature, date, and badge number (to be made up by the competitor). | 0 Competitor did not have or use a TPSA citation. | 4 The citation was accurate, but was not completed in a legible manner and had blank spaces. | 6 Citation was accurate, but was not legible in some places and had few blank spaces. | 8 The citation was accurate and legible but had blank spaces. | 10 The citation was legible, accurate, complete and had no spaces. | |
| Disposition of Stop | | | | | | |
| Disposition of stop The competitor must (1) return to the violator's vehicle and issue the citation, and return the driver's license and insurance to the violator, then notify dispatch of the disposition of the traffic stop by providing dispatch with (2)how many citations and (3)violation type and (4)citation number. | 0 Did not attempt or did not complete any required steps. | 2 completed 1 of the 4 steps but did not give accurate information | 4 Completed 2 of the 4 steps and gave accurate information | 6 Completed 3 of the 4 steps and gave accurate information | 8 Completed all steps and gave it accurately. | |
| Professionalism | | | | | | |

