

43.5 Roadblocks

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 43.5 **The agency has a written directive that describes circumstances warranting the use of road blocks and specific procedures for implementation.**

Commentary: There is extreme danger and liability in the use of roadblocks. The agency's directive should specify types of roadblocks and the circumstances justifying their use. The term roadblock, as used in this standard, is not a routine traffic checkpoint.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interview(s) with various components of agency personnel (e.g., dispatchers, patrol officers, supervisors) to verify their understanding of the directive and the role that each one has in a roadblock situation.
3. Agency reports that involved the use of roadblocks are available for review.
4. Interview(s) with agency personnel, if any, who were recently involved in a roadblock situation to verify their knowledge of and compliance with the directive.