



CITY OF AKRON, OHIO
POLICE DIVISION
KENNETH R. BALL II, CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT Hit-Skip Accident Procedure		ISSUING AUTHORITY Chief Kenneth R. Ball II

I. POLICY

The Akron Police Department will investigate accidents where one or more parties have failed to stop after a traffic crash, failed to provide the information required by law, or provided fictitious information.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. When probable cause has been established that a hit-skip accident has occurred, a citation shall be issued to the driver of a hit-skip vehicle unless otherwise authorized by a supervisor not to issue a citation. An arrest may be warranted when the accident involves a death, serious injury, or the filing of additional criminal charges that would negate the issuance of a citation.
- B. A hit-skip vehicle may be impounded and held for hit-skip when it is found with no driver, has been involved in a fatality or serious physical injury, is necessary to process the vehicle for evidence, or is still unsolved.
- C. If the victim's vehicle is damaged by a hit-skip vehicle and must be towed, and the driver is not present, the towed vehicle should be held for **ownership, not for hit-skip**. If the driver is present, no hold or tow report is needed.
- D. Evidence from a hit-skip accident should be tagged and placed into evidence. This includes license plates left at the scene. Officers shall note in the narrative section that evidence has been tagged. Photographs and/or Body Worn Camera footage will be tagged into EVIDENCE.COM and categorized appropriately.
- E. If the owner of a vehicle involved in a hit-skip wants to report his car as stolen, a report should be taken. Notes in the remarks section should advise of the hit-skip involvement.
- F. When filling out an **unsolved** hit-skip accident report, descriptive information including possible license plate number and driver description shall be listed in the OH-2. No LEADS information shall be listed. The exception would be when the vehicle is towed. Plate number and ownership may then be put on the front page of the report.

- G. Do not fill in spaces with N/A or unknown. These spaces will be completed by the Hit-Skip Unit once the information has been verified and confirmed.
- H. Upon completion of a hit-skip accident report that has not been cleared, advise the victim to contact the Hit-Skip Unit after seven days.

By Order Of,



Kenneth R. Ball II
Chief of Police

Date DECEMBER 4, 2019