17.05.1 Purpose

To provide policy and procedures to be utilized to conduct concentrated patrols by members of the Georgia Department of Public Safety.

17.05.2 Policy

It shall be the policy of the Georgia Department of Public Safety to conduct concentrated patrols in a manner that safely maximizes available personnel, promotes highway safety and provides the greatest public benefit.

17.05.3 Procedures – Georgia State Patrol

A. Concentrated Patrols

1. All Patrol Posts shall conduct one concentrated patrol each month.

   a. Concentrated patrols will last a minimum of eight hours.

      1) The Post Commander shall schedule concentrated patrols in high accident and violation areas.

      2) Posts with Interstate highways should rotate between the interstates and other roads.

      3) Concentrated patrols should be rotated among all counties in the Post territory.

      4) DUI and other moving hazardous violations shall be given the highest priority.

   b. Any Post involved in a Troop concentrated patrol during the month will not be required to have a Post concentrated patrol.

2. Reporting

   a. At the end of the concentrated patrol, the Post Commander shall prepare a report for the Troop Commander. This report shall be in the following format and maintained on the Troop level:

      1) Date;
2) Time;
3) Location;
4) Number of arrests;
5) Number of warnings;
6) Number of DUI arrests;
7) Number of patrols;
8) Number of patrol hours;
9) Number of motorist assists;
10) Number of patrol miles, and
11) Unusual occurrences (e.g. unusually high number of accidents and/or extremely severe accidents, drug arrests, manhunts, etc.).

b. Each out-of-Post Trooper shall notify the local Post Commander of their activity before leaving for their duty station.

3. Distribution of Citations

a. When members cross Post boundaries to patrol and issue citations, the following procedure shall be adhered to:

1) The “Court Copy” and the “DDS Copy” of the citation shall be left with the post in whose territory the concentrated patrol is held for submission to the appropriate court. If the violator was released to the local authorities, these copies shall be left with the agency to which the violator was released;

2) The “Issuing Department Copy” of warnings and tickets shall be turned into the Post to which the issuing Trooper is assigned. This information will be carried on their DPS-612B (Monthly Activity Report).

   a) All arrests and warnings will be carried on the DPS-521 (Arrest and Dispositions of Cases by Counties) of the Post to which the issuing Trooper is assigned.

3) The “Violator’s Copy” of the citation is given to the violator.

4) The “Officer’s Copy” of the citation is retained in the book until the book is destroyed. If the citation is written via CTS, the citation is maintained by the database and therefore should not be printed.

17.05.4 Procedures – Motor Carrier Compliance Division

A. In regard to concentrated patrols and various High Crash Corridor (HCC) activities, MCCD shall follow the guidelines, requirements and procedures as set forth in the Department’s Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan (CVSP). Such plan includes information and procedures for planning, implementation and data reporting of the
aforementioned activities, as they relate to commercial motor carriers, commercial motor vehicles, and commercial drivers.