



**ERIE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Written Directives**



**Appendix B to Erie Police Department Written Directive 270.000**  
**Traffic Collision Response**

**LIFE THREATENING INJURY / FATAL COLLISION CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ Secure the scene far enough around to protect ALL evidence. Shut down/re-route traffic if necessary.
- \_\_\_ Do not allow evidence to be moved, washed down, or disturbed. Protect perishable evidence.
- \_\_\_ Identify drivers/occupants of all vehicles involved upon arrival or as soon as possible, and keep them at the scene.
- \_\_\_ Assign specific officer(s) to locate and identify witnesses and obtain an initial written statement.
- \_\_\_ Immediately check **ALL DRIVERS** to see if there is any indication they have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs (including prescription medication).

**BE ASSERTIVE...CONTROL THE DRIVER'S ACTIONS**

- \_\_\_ Assign an officer to stay with any driver who might have been under the influence to ensure facts are gathered to support a blood draw, including having an officer go with the driver in the ambulance if they are transported.
- \_\_\_ If a blood draw is done, get three blood samples one hour apart if possible. Note: Unless consent is provided, a search warrant must be obtained prior to any blood draw (for Vehicular Assault or Vehicular Homicide investigations).
- \_\_\_ If life-threatening injury or fatality is involved, have Dispatch initiate a Serious Traffic Collision Reconstruction Team call out.
- \_\_\_ If a fatality is involved, have the on-duty supervisor contact a command officer.