

CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Title: **REPORTING HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS** **Procedure: 4.027**

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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for identifying, reporting and correcting hazardous highway conditions and other emergency situations.

broken or damaged

obstructed

POLICY:

Upon the discovery of a hazardous condition the officer shall notify Communications and request that the appropriate agency be contacted to have the hazard corrected.

improperly located

6. Hazardous conditions may include but are not limited to:

mechanical traffic devices

PROCEDURE:

1. When an officer observes a situation that he believes to be potentially dangerous, or such hazard requires immediate correction, such as a fallen tree or electrical wires down, the officer will immediately notify communications and identify the type of assistance and equipment required. The officer will protect the scene, bystanders and direct traffic or take any other action deemed necessary to correct the situation.

traffic and information signs

train crossing locations

roadway lighting

2. A supervisor shall respond to the scene of any emergency, upon request, to correct a hazardous condition.

broken water mains

electrical wires down

3. When a hazard is detected that represents a potential accident situation, but the threat of such is not imminent, the officer shall notify communications of the situation, who will then contact the proper agency.

fallen trees

roadway debris

dangerous ice or snow accumulation

4. Officers shall report conditions which may require the service of another City Department.

roadway safety devices: road markers, striping, reflectors and impact devices

defects in the roadway: ruts or holes

5. Hazardous conditions are identified by one or more of the following categories:

vehicles parked or abandoned on the travel portion of the roadway.

malfunction

defective

missing or lack of