PURPOSE: To outline procedures for officers to request the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) to examine a licensee’s ability to drive.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police to request a driver examination by the BMV when there is reason to believe a licensed driver is no longer competent to or otherwise not qualified to operate a motor vehicle due to poor physical condition or poor driving ability.

PROCEDURES:

I. General Guidelines

A. Section 4507.20 of the Ohio Revised Code grants the Registrar of the BMV the authority to order a complete driver examination when evidence indicates an inability to operate a motor vehicle in a competent manner.

B. Officers who have a reason to believe that a licensed driver requires an examination to determine driver fitness and future license status shall:

1. Complete a Request for Driver License Examination or Recertification form BMV 2308 9/18 (Attachment) leaving the “Must be Reviewed and Signed by Head of Agency” portion blank.

2. Forward the form to the Bureau of Traffic, Office of the Commissioner.

II. Bureau of Traffic Responsibilities

A. The Bureau of Traffic Commissioner’s executive assistant or designee shall review the Request for Driver License Examination or Recertification form and:

1. Forward properly completed forms to the Traffic Commissioner for signature.

2. Return forms requiring correction to the submitting officer with an explanation of what changes are required.

B. The Traffic Commissioner shall:

1. Sign approved forms and forward them to the BMV retaining a copy for Bureau of Traffic files.
2. Return forms not approved to the submitting officer with an explanation why a driver license examination was not warranted.

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE OR POLICY FOR THIS SUBJECT AND WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.

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