



Traverse City Police Department

News Release

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The Traverse City Police Department is Transitioning to All Blue Lights

(Traverse City, MI) The Traverse City Police Department is transitioning to blue lights and adding high-visibility decals to patrol vehicles.

Because blue lights are rare in both natural environments and roadway lighting, they stand out when illuminated. Additionally, blue lights are reserved for Law Enforcement agencies here in the United States and first responders internationally, creating a visual separation from other flashing lights on the roadway. Lastly, blue lights will allow the public to easily identify the Traverse City Police Department.

Our blue lights feature Dynamic Variable Intensity (DVI) settings, which allow gradual intensity changes. This reduces harsh flashes and minimizes nighttime blindness for drivers.

Reflective decals further enhance visibility. Adding highly reflective hazard stripes and enlarging the word "POLICE" on the rear of patrol vehicles helps drivers identify officers, providing more time to slow down or change lanes and reducing the risk of collisions.

In line with the 6th pillar "Officer Safety and Wellness," of "The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing," safety remains a priority for the Traverse City Police Department. That's why we are changing the way our vehicles are seen to better protect our officers and the public.

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