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LVMPD MODIFIES RESPONSE TO PROPERTY DAMAGE COLLISIONS

Captain Mark Tavarez of the LVMPD Traffic Bureau met with the media today, February 24, 2014 to discuss recent modifications of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's response to property damage collisions.

In an effort to maintain our capacity to respond to critical emergencies, effective March 3, 2013 LVMPD will no longer respond to or investigate non-injury accidents.

LVMPD has taken on these changes to manage the Traffic Bureau's resources more efficiently. Currently an average of 250 man-hours per week is dedicated to investigations involving property damage collisions. With fatalities a continued concern, traffic officers will be able to focus on enforcement from a proactive perspective.

While we understand this may be an inconvenience to our citizens, we hope that you will join us in our effort to prevent fatalities and increase traffic safety on our roadways.

To learn more about LVMPD's recent modifications regarding property damage collisions, visit us at <u>www.lvmpd.com</u> or for information regarding required notifications to Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles visit <u>www.dmvnv.com</u>

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