

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO: The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Governor
FROM: Commissioner Reuben F. Bradford
DATE: April 2, 2012
SUBJECT: Lt. Schirillo's memo of 03/29/12

As requested, I am providing an analysis of an email sent last week from Lt. Schirillo to the supervisory members of Troop I in Bethany. In that memo, Lt. Schirillo clearly establishes suggested goals for his troop for the coming 24-hour shift period. I can see how this memo might be misinterpreted by some as a quota system.

Based upon a review of the available facts as well as an explanation provided by Lt. Schirillo, it is apparent that there was no intent to implement or set any type of quota, which are prohibited by CGS Section 29-2b. Lt. Schirillo's intention was to encourage the hard working men and women within his command in their efforts to enhance public safety. Lt. Schirillo has acknowledged that his email outlining his unit's objective was not properly phrased, and he regrets any misunderstanding this may have created.

A quota system does not exist within the Division of State Police or any other division within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Our own Troopers, Sergeants and the current administration, in a coordinated effort, developed strategies to reduce fatal and injury causing accidents this spring. Similar programs that the Division of State Police have utilized to enhance public safety in the past include:

- "MOP" Managers on Patrol enforcement where our executive managers join field troops in issuing tickets for all violations.
- "BIG ORANGE" Federally-funded program to enhance safety and focus enforcement during the summer months in construction sites.

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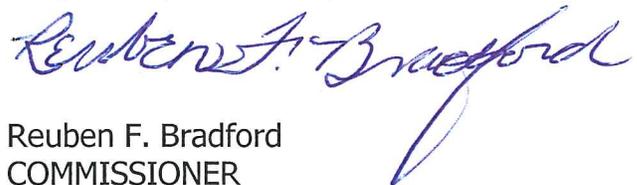
- "OPERATION C.A.R.E." An enforcement operation that is carried out by Troopers in Connecticut and across the country specifically around holidays to ramp up highway safety enforcement.
- "Click It or Ticket" A federally-funded program that is specifically designed to focus on seat belt enforcement. This enforcement by Troopers has shown to be very effective in obtaining voluntary compliance on seatbelt use in Connecticut.
- "MOVE OVER LAW" A state law designed to protect all people who work on highways, including but not limited to Ambulance, Fire Service, Police, DOT Workers, Wrecker services, etc. Since this law went into effect, Troopers have attempted to focus enforcement in work zones.

Springtime has always been a time of the year when we experience a significant increase in the number of serious injuries and fatal crashes. The addition of motorcycles, longer daylight hours and the movement of significant numbers of vehicles on our roads and highways will produce more accidents.

It should also be noted that the DOT worker that lost his life recently in the performance of his duties was in Lt. Schirillo's troop area.

The priority of the Division of State Police is unchanged – we are committed to consistently enforcing traffic safety, including speed limits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Reuben F. Bradford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "d".

Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER