

# Sheriff



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## **HELP KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING!**



Sheriff Larry Ashley was recently asked if traffic signals in Okaloosa County are synchronized to better move traffic. The short answer is yes, they are. The County Traffic Operation Division maintains the intersection signals in the county and has a computer network control system for the signals. County officials tell us the signals are synchronized based on best industry standards and local needs. They say the synchronization of the signals works well until the traffic volume exceeds capacities, such as during the height of the tourist season or rush hour on the roadways leading into Crestview.

Absent additional roadway capacity- here are a few things we can do to help keep traffic moving:

- **Reduce distracted driving!** Distracted drivers are the most significant causes of traffic slowdowns. Texting, talking on the cell phone, and other distractions in the vehicle affect good traffic flow.
- **Quickly and safely remove traffic obstructions from the roadways.** Whether it is traffic crash vehicles or stalled vehicles, quickly responding and clearing up those obstructions is a priority. Contact your local law enforcement jurisdiction when you see an obstruction.
- **Plan your trip!** Know where you're going when you head out. There are many resources these days to help you plan your trip efficiently and make it to your destination safely. Taking a quick look at your smartphone's mapping App is a good way to check out your travel route and destination.
- **Be informed.** There are many resources to keep you informed of traffic congestion and tie-ups. Your Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office sends traffic related information out directly from our communications section. In real time you can get traffic updates through our social media venues:
  - **Twitter:** @OCSOALERTS
  - **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/OkaloosaSheriff](http://www.facebook.com/OkaloosaSheriff)
  - **Nixle:** <http://local.nixle.com/okaloosa-county-sheriffs-office/>

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