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Uniform To Be Worn By Those Traffic Wardens Who Are Also Police Community Support Officers (Pcsos)

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This Circular Replaces Circular No 065/2002 : UNIFORM FOR TRAFFIC WARDENS DESIGNATED AS COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (CSOs) ;

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Dear Chief Officer

DESIGNATED UNIFORM FOR TRAFFIC WARDENS WHO ARE ALSO POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOs)

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 prescribes that traffic wardens appointed under section 95 of the Act shall wear such uniform as may be determined by the Secretary of State. It also provides that they shall not act as traffic wardens when not in uniform. The purpose of this Circular is to notify the police of a new determination of the uniform to be worn by traffic wardens who are also designated as PCSOs under section 38, Police Reform Act 2002.

The existing determination as to the uniform to be worn by those who are both traffic wardens and PCSOs is set out in HO Circular 65/2002. This requires such persons to wear the local PCSO uniform with the addition of a breast badge and shoulder flashes bearing the word "Traffic". The Secretary of State considers that this can give rise to confusion. Members of the public may be unclear as to the status of such persons and may believe they are empowered to deal with traffic matters only. Circular 65/2002 is therefore cancelled as from 1 February 2009 and, as set out in the attached determination, traffic wardens who are also PCSOs should, from that time wear the local PCSO uniform without differentiation.

It remains however important to distinguish those PCSOs who are also traffic wardens and have traffic warden powers from those who are not and do not. Their status should therefore be explained on the designation card they carry and produce on demand as PCSOs.

This determination relates only to those traffic wardens designated as PCSOs. The uniform for traffic wardens not so designated remains as set out in HO Circular 7/1994, as amended by HO Circular 57/1997.

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**DETERMINATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER THE ROAD
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 REGARDING THE UNIFORM FOR
TRAFFIC WARDENS ALSO DESIGNATED AS POLICE COMMUNITY
SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSOs)**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 95(7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), the Secretary of State hereby substitutes the following determination for that set out in Home Office circular 85/2002, with effect from 1 February 2009

Traffic wardens appointed under section 95(1) of the Act who are also designated as PCSOs under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002, shall wear the same uniform as that determined or approved for PCSOs by the chief officer of police for that force.

Home Office
16th December 2008

Alan Campbell
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State