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TRAFFIC FOCUS FOR JUNE

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El Paso, Texas—The El Paso Police Department’s Traffic Unit and Safe Communities of the Special Services Division have issued their traffic focus of the month. The Transportation of Loose Material will be the Traffic Focus for June 2023.

Sec. 725.021. Containing Loose Materials

- a) A vehicle subject to this chapter shall be equipped and maintained as required by this section to prevent loose material from escaping by blowing or spilling.
- (b) A vehicle bed carrying a load:
 - (1) may not have a hole, crack, or other openings through which loose material can escape; and
 - (2) shall be enclosed:
 - (A) on both sides by side panels;
 - (B) on the front by a panel or the vehicle cab; and
 - (C) on the rear by a tailgate or panel.
- (c) Except as provided by Subsection (e), the load shall be covered and the covering firmly secured at the front and back unless the load:
 - (1) is completely enclosed by the load-carrying compartment; or
 - (2) does not blow from or spill over the top of the load-carrying compartment.
- (d) The tailgate of the vehicle shall be securely closed to prevent spillage during transportation.
- (e) If the vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle transporting loose material, the load shall be covered and the covering firmly secured at the front and back or shall be completely enclosed by the load-carrying compartment. For purposes of this section, “commercial motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used primarily in the business of transporting property.

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