

Being prepared for a badge and vehicle search will help speed processing



Do you have an idea on how to speed things up or a suggestion for Security? If so, send an e-mail message to ^Security Ed.

A number of you have sent Security Ed suggestions that can help speed things up while waiting to be processed through the barricades. The following tips will assist Hanford Patrol officers who check badges and vehicles at the barricades:

- Turn off headlights and go to running lights while waiting for your badge and vehicle search. Dimming headlights is the number-one suggestion from co-workers. The bright headlights make it difficult for Patrol personnel to readily view the interior of the vehicle and cause eye fatigue for Patrol officers and others waiting in line. If you decide to use your running lights, remember to switch your lights back on after inspection. Some newer cars have auto automatic lights that turn on when it's dark. Some of these can be overridden by using your running lights and some cannot.
- Turn on your interior lights.
- Remove your badge from its plastic holder, necklace or clothing before inspection. Hanford Patrol officers are required to physically touch the badge and verify that it is valid. Removing the badge from the holder before inspecting greatly speeds up the process.
- Clean out your vehicle. Clutter in a vehicle increases the time it takes to inspect.
- If you have a toolbox or rear hatch or door, ensure that it is unlocked for ease of inspection.
- If you have tinted windows, consider rolling them down.
- Consider driving a vehicle that does not contain hidden compartments or areas not easily inspected visually .
- Wait your turn during lane merges.