Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials

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SUBJECT: Transportation Network Companies (TNC) - New Requirements

Pursuant to the Transportation Network Company Safety and Regulatory Act, N.J.S.A. 39:5H-1, et seq., new regulations for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft have been enacted in order to provide for the safety of passengers and riders.

- Prearranged rides provided by a TNC driver are not to be considered transportation provided by an autocab, taxi, limousine, autobus, jitney, motor bus or any other for-hire vehicle and are not to be considered ridesharing.
- TNC drivers are not required to register their personal vehicles used for TNC business as commercial or for-hire vehicles, and they are not required to display special plates.
 However, these vehicles are still required to meet motor vehicle inspection requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:8-1 and they are required to display a valid inspection sticker.
- TNC drivers are not required to possess a commercial driver license or any other supplemental endorsement in order to transport riders through the TNC; a standard Class D basic driver license is sufficient. TNC drivers are required to display a marker identifying them as a TNC driver while they are providing rides for that TNC. The Act does not prevent a driver from working for more than one TNC.
- Counties and municipalities are not permitted to require TNC drivers to obtain a license or permit to operate within their borders; however, drivers are required to follow all local zoning ordinances and restrictions.
- TNCs are required to obtain a permit from the MVC even if only dropping off or picking up riders in New Jersey.

For more information about the new TNC requirements, visit www.njmvc.gov or call (609) 292-6500.