

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Traffic Management and Collision Investigation

REFERENCE: Clark, W. E., *Traffic Management and Collision Investigation*, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1982, 332 pages, no price listed.

Traffic Management and Collision Investigation is an introductory textbook on the subject consisting of 17 chapters covering topics such as collision scene management; driving while intoxicated; collision reconstruction; the hydroplaning phenomenon; collecting, quantifying, and recording collision evidence; traffic supervision; and traffic enforcement techniques, to highlight some of the major subjects. The bibliography is brief, with only 17 citations over the years 1947 to 1980.

The portion of the book covering accident reconstruction by means of skid marks is particularly well done and clearly written. It affords the student, even those intimidated by the sight of a square root sign, a clear understanding of the physics and mathematics involved in such reconstructions.

Forensic scientists will be less pleased by the author's treatment of the subject of driving while intoxicated and collection and preservation of physical evidence. The information is extremely brief and in several instances inaccurate.

In spite of the obvious shortcomings, the sections on accident reconstruction alone make the book a useful introductory text for those interested in the subject.

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