

# Police to get tough on traffic violations

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**BANGALORE:** Are you caught violating traffic rules repeatedly? Then be prepared to pay a hefty penalty the next time. Yes, the city traffic police are digitising their records which will enable them to track habitual offenders.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Traffic and Security) Praveen Sood told reporters here on Tuesday the police have developed a comprehensive database of those who were booked for various traffic offences earlier either through Blackberry or the automated traffic monitoring centres. Unlike earlier, now the two databases are being merged and this comprehensive database will help traffic

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police to identify habitual offenders easily. Mr. Sood said those who were served with notices to pay fine for traffic violations should pay up within seven days or else face a hefty fine. Repeated violations will also attract penalty like suspension of licence and imprisonment, depending upon the gravity of the offences, he added.

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# Traffic violators in for more trouble

## Move likely to enhance the penalty for repeat offenders

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**THERE'S** more bad news for traffic violators.

With the traffic police using their Blackberry phones in January, the first four months of 2008, have seen more than 5.5 lakh people being booked for traffic violations and more than Rs 8 crore collected as fine.

Additional Commissioner of Police Praveen Sood told reporters here on

Tuesday that the police have decided to integrate the databases which store information on traffic offences at their automation centres, so that every time a road user is found violating rules, his past record and unpaid traffic challans become available on the Blackberry.

This is expected to enhance the penalty for repeat offenders. Officials said that drunken drivers are usually the repeated offenders, and such an integrated system will help suspend the drivers licence as well as increase the

chances of imprisonment. Officials also expect to settle all pending police notices on the spot or take further notices to settle in the court, for which the offender will have to surrender his original driving licence or the vehicle.

Traffic police advised the public to adhere to traffic rules and cooperate with the police. "A person, who has been issued a notice with regard to a traffic offence, has to pay the fine within seven days or the case may be sent to court," he said.