

# BERRIEN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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## TITLE: DARK SIGNAL POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish what action is taken when power is out at a traffic signal whether due to storms, accidents or maintenance.

### POLICY AND PROCEDURE:

1. Stop signs will *not* be placed at a dark traffic signal during a power outage unless the outage is expected to last more than 12 hours. A minimum of two traffic cones (with flags if possible) may be placed in the center of the intersection of a dark signal if Road Commission staff is available.
2. *If* stop signs are placed, the signal will be switched from normal to flash operation to prevent confusion when the power is eventually restored. When the stop signs are removed after power is restored, the signal will be switched back to normal operation.
3. Stop signs will be used at a dark traffic signal due to repairs or maintenance if the work is expected to last more than 2 hours. Road Commission personnel should be present to remove the stop signs when work is completed.
4. In the event of multiple dark signals due to a widespread power outage no action will be taken.