Am I Being Detained?

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Joplin Police Department Training Center

5501 Dennis Weaver Blvd., Joplin, MO 64081

"Am I being detained or am I free to go?"

If you are a law enforcement officer who has recently worked a checkpoint or conducted a traffic stop, you have probably heard this question. It may be posed innocently by someone who truly is unclear about what he is supposed to do. More often than not, however, this question is being asked in an attempt to challenge the legality of the checkpoint and the officer's authority to conduct a stop.

There are people who believe that checkpoints are unconstitutional. When they hear about a checkpoint in their area, they may purposefully come through the checkpoint in order to disrupt the operation and distract the officer. They may refuse to cooperate by refusing to answer questions, produce requested documents, or even roll down their window. **"Am I Being Detained?"** is a class that is designed to give officers the information and tools they need to deal with these individuals.

There is no charge for this training, but space is limited. Please contact Susan Glass at 573-751-1629 or at Susan.Glass@mops.mo.gov to register. An application for 3 hours of POST credit will be submitted.

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