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The objective of this research was to study the behavior and factors effecting traffic violator by private car drivers as well as to study and analysed the way to improve the behavior of private car drivers and decrease the traffic problems in Bangkok Metropolis. The study focused on the government officers in the Office of Permanant Secretary for Interior by using

- 1. 280 questionnaire forms
- 2. interviewed 10 cars drivers, 6 traffic police officers and
- 3. observed 3 congested intersections (Baromratchonnanee, BangPlat, Siriraj).

The result of this study showed that the average index of traffic violator of government officers in the Office of Permanant Secretary for Interior was 1.137 and the finding were as follow:

- 1. Those who had low educational level (lower than bachelor degree) violated the traffic laws less than those who had higher educational level.
 - 2. The position level did not have any effect on traffic violation.
- 3. The one who had more experienced in driving violated the traffic laws more than those who had less experienced in driving.
- 4. The one who had less knowledge in traffic laws violated the traffic laws more than those who had more knowledge in traffic laws.
- 5. The one who showing pessimism in following traffic laws violated traffic laws more than those who showing optimism in following traffic laws.

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