



INCIDENT RESPONSE

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I. INCIDENT RESPONSE

A. A single unit will be dispatched to handle routine calls for service. However, the nature of some calls may require that additional units are dispatched for purposes of safety as well as more effective handling of a situation. In the event of the actual or potential presence of one or more of the following factors, at least two officers will be dispatched:

- 1. An assault on an officer;
- 2. On-scene arrest for a felony or violent misdemeanor;
- 3. Resistance to arrest;
- 4. Use of force;
- 5. A crime in progress;
- 6. A fleeing suspect; or
- 7. A suicide in progress.

B. In addition to the above, the dispatching of officers to calls for service will be conducted in accordance with the standard operating procedures of the Communications Section.

C. Uniformed patrol officers will respond to each crime reported to the Police Department, with the exception of (1) crimes reported to the Telephone Reporting Service and (2) any other situations where patrol supervisors determine that a non-uniformed response is necessary or more appropriate.

II. INCIDENTS REQUIRING PRESENCE OF A SUPERVISOR

If additional units/officers must be dispatched to the scene of a police incident a supervisor will be notified. The supervisor will decide the necessity for any additional units/officers, and will inform Communications of any further requirements. The supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that the incident is properly handled and that unneeded patrol units return to service promptly.

The following is a partial list of incidents requiring the presence of a uniformed patrol supervisor:

- 1. Any incident involving the death of a person or where circumstances indicate that death may result.
- 2. Rape or attempt rape.
- 3. Departmental accidents.
- 4. Kidnapping/abduction/critical missing child.
- 5. Child abuse.
- 6. Hostage/barricade and Active Assailant situations.
- 7. Natural disasters.
- 8. Traffic violations involving an armored car.
- 9. Explosive devices and bomb threats.

10. Aircraft accidents.
11. Fire at the Detention Center.
12. Service of a search and seizure warrant, when no other supervisor is available.
13. Any reportable use of force or discharge of a firearm by an officer.
14. ERPO Service.
15. Hate/Bias Incident.
16. WMD & Suspicious Substance Incident.
17. *Forced entry into a residence (Supervisor must approve, either in person or via radio/phone, before any forced entry decision is made, unless exigent circumstances dictate an immediate entry).*

The above list is not intended to be all-inclusive. Patrol supervisors are directly responsible for the proper handling and investigation of all incidents to which their subordinates respond. Accordingly, patrol supervisors are expected to respond to all serious or non-routine incidents in order to assure proper police response.

III. PROPONENT UNIT: Bureau of Patrol.

IV. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 1618, dated *01-27-20*.