



Policy 1012

Subject

CRIMINAL/INFORMANT DEBRIEFING

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By Order of the Police Commissioner

POLICY

Criminal Intelligence. It is the policy of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) to debrief arrestees, registered informants and sources of information to obtain criminal intelligence. Once gathered, the dissemination of this intelligence in a timely and accurate manner is vital to preventing and solving crime.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to promote the use of Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form 223 when conducting a Criminal Debriefing or Custodial Interrogation to ensure certain specific questions are asked of the individual being debriefed/interrogated. All persons shall be advised of their constitutional rights prior to Custodial Interrogation (see Policy 1105, *Custodial Interrogations*).

DEFINITION

Criminal Debriefing — To question an individual (e.g., confidential source, cooperating witness, arrestee, etc.) for the purpose of obtaining intelligence for law enforcement purposes. This questioning is not likely to elicit an incriminating response.

Custodial Interrogation — When a suspect is under formal arrest or subject to a restraint on freedom of movement to the degree associated with a formal arrest. Interrogation includes any express questioning by a law enforcement officer or any words or actions on the part of the law enforcement officer that are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response.

REQUIRED ACTION

Member

1. A Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form 223 (see Appendix A) shall be completed, when practicable:
 - 1.1. When an individual is arrested and charged with an offense.
 - 1.2. Subsequent to all informant contacts, consistent with Policy 1001, *Confidential Informants*.

2. Using the form as a guide, the arresting/interviewing officer shall attempt to solicit information from an arrestee/informant on all listed topics.
3. The interviewing officer shall pursue an expanded line of questioning whenever an informative response to any question is obtained.
4. If the arrestee/informant refuses to answer any questions, the interviewing officer shall note the refusal in Section 2 and complete Section 3. Consistent with BPD policy and procedures, interviewing officers shall not coerce or intimidate an arrestee/informant into responding to any debriefing questions.
5. When the debriefing yields useful information, the interviewing officer shall notify the appropriate district, division, or unit in a timely fashion.

NOTE: Immediate notification shall be made whenever information of a critical nature is obtained and any delay in communication could jeopardize the safety of others or result in a lost opportunity to solve or prevent a criminal act.

- 5.1. Forward a copy of the Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form, and related reports, to the affected district, division or unit.
 - 5.2. Under such circumstances, consideration shall be given to enrolling the arrestee/informant as a confidential informant consistent with Policy 1001, *Confidential Informants*.
6. Submit the completed form and all attachments to your immediate supervisor prior to the end of the tour of duty.

Supervisor

1. Review all Criminal/Informant Debriefing Forms and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Policy.
2. Ensure that the interviewing officer has made all appropriate notifications.

APPENDIX

- A. Form 223/16, Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form

ASSOCIATED POLICIES

Policy 1001, *Confidential Informants*
Policy 1105, *Custodial Interrogations*

RESCISSION

Remove and destroy/recycle Policy J-12, *Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form*, dated 14 August 2001.

COMMUNICATION OF POLICY

This policy is effective on the date listed herein. Each employee is responsible for complying with the contents of this policy.

APPENDIX A**Form 223/16, Criminal/Informant Debriefing Form**

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL/INFORMANT DEBRIEFING FORM

Form 223/16

1. QUESTIONS:	No	Yes, See Section 2	
a. What gangs or groups do you know & what areas do they control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. What colors, clothing or marks do the gangs wear/use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Who do you know that sells drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. What drugs are being sold? How much?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Who do you know that supplies the dealers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Where do the drugs come from?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
g. Who do you know that is wanted or says they are wanted by the police?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
h. Who do you know that breaks into and steals from cars?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
i. Who do you know that steals cars?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
j. Who do you know that breaks into houses? Stores?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
k. What can you tell me about robberies and who's doing them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
l. Who do you know that is carrying a gun right now? Where are they? What are they wearing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
m. From whom or where can you get a gun?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
n. Do you have any information about a violent crime? Murder? Shooting? Rape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
o. Do you know of any police corruption?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
p. Who do you know that's been making threats against police officers or Public Officials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
q. Do you have any information about terrorism?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
r. Do you have any information about people who want to harm this country?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
s. Do you have any information about hate groups?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
t. Have you ever provided information to the police in the past? What happened?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
u. Is there anything you feel is important that we haven't asked you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:			
3. SUBJECT INTERVIEWED:			
Name (Last, First, MI):			
Address:	Phone#:		
Previous Address:	Cell Phone#:		
Location of Stop:	Photo Attached ____ Yes ____ No		
If Subject is Arrested: CC#	Arresting Officer:	Sequence#:	
Subject under the influence of: ____ Alcohol ____ Narcotics ____ Not Under Influence ____ Other:			
4. NOTIFICATIONS:			
Detective:	Unit#:	Assignment:	Date & Time:
Detective:	Unit#:	Assignment:	Date & Time:
Copies Forwarded to:			
Interviewing Officer:	Seq#:	Date & Time:	
Supervisor Approval:	Seq#:	Date & Time:	

****NOTE** IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, CONTINUE ON REVERSE SIDE**Revised 11/16
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