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POLICY 335 LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID PLAN

335.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy describes and establishes guidelines for law enforcement mutual aid requests.

335.1.1 ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

This policy pertains to the following CALEA Standards: 2.1.3, 2.1.4

335.1.2 INTER-CITY POLICE ASSISTANCE PLAN

The Inter-City Police Assistance Plan, adopted by the Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association (OCCPSA), governs all requests for law enforcement mutual aid. The Association membership reviews and adopts this plan annually. A copy of the plan is available in the Watch Commander's office.

335.2 POLICY

It is Buena Park Police Department policy to participate in, and abide by, the Inter-City Police Assistance Plan (mutual aid) as adopted by the OCCPSA.

335.3 CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO MUTUAL AID REQUESTS

Four conditions apply to the implementation of any mutual aid request:

- a) The on-duty Watch Commander shall request response under this plan.
- b) The "on-scene commander," or Incident Commander, shall be responsible for deployment of assisting agencies' responding personnel.
- c) A Watch Commander or officer of higher rank from the agency supplying mutual aid personnel shall approve any use of trainees, academy recruits, or non-sworn personnel during any response under this plan.
- d) Through common agreement, mutual aid is provided at no cost to the requesting agency except in the following circumstances:
 1. The OCCPSA expressly excludes from its assistance plan regularly scheduled profit-making ventures that routinely require assistance from other agencies, and profit-making ventures that include a commitment of outside agency resources as part of the event planning. In these cases, the involved entities will agree upon the costs and financial responsibilities prior to the event.
 2. Any planned or unexpected event requiring more than 12 hours of outside agency assistance.
 3. In the above cases, the costs of outside agency resources will be borne by the private organization or entity responsible for the event. At no time will the requesting agency be held responsible for the costs of outside agency resources.

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335.4 MUTUAL AID RESPONSES

Responses to requests for mutual aid are:

- a) "Code Alex"
- b) "Code Charlie"
- c) "999"

335.4.1 "CODE ALEX"

"Code Alex" is an organized method of assigning police and sheriff units throughout Orange County to preplanned observation posts. When "Code Alex" is initiated, individual agencies deploy units to their assigned posts, where they remain until the "Code Alex" is terminated.

335.4.2 "CODE CHARLIE"

"Code Charlie" is an Emergency Alert Plan to notify neighboring agencies of the impending need for personnel and resource assistance. It is normally put into effect when emergency or riotous conditions exist and the need for mutual aid is anticipated.

335.4.3 "999"

"999" is a request for urgent, immediate assistance. It differs from "Code Charlie" in that the need for assistance is unanticipated, and specific agencies are preselected for response.

335.5 MUTUAL AID REQUEST DOCUMENTATION

All Department requests for mutual aid and inter-city police assistance will be reported to the Chief of Police. Orange County Communications (Control One) maintains a permanent record of all activations of the mutual aid plan.

335.6 BUENA PARK POLICE RESPONSE TO OUTSIDE AGENCY MUTUAL AID REQUESTS

"Code Alex": A BPPD Dispatcher may direct Department officers to post assignments in the event of a "Code Alex" request.

"Code Charlie" or "999": Department officers WILL NOT respond to a "Code Charlie" or "999" mutual aid request without the approval of an on-duty Watch Commander.

In the event of a "999" mutual aid request, the Department will be a response agency for the appropriate corresponding "Area" agencies, as well as agencies in which we share a common border.

"Area" agencies designated in Geographical Area A per the OCCPSA Mutual Aid Plan Protocol:

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- a) Anaheim
- b) La Habra
- c) Brea
- d) Fullerton
- e) Placentia
- f) California State University Fullerton

Common border agencies not included in Geographical Area A:

- a) Orange County Sheriff's Department
- b) Cypress
- c) La Palma

In the event of a "999" in Buena Park, the appropriate corresponding "Area" agencies shall be notified, as will agencies that share a common border.

"Area" agencies are those designated in Geographical Area A per the OCCPSA Mutual Aid Plan Protocol:

- a) Anaheim
- b) La Habra
- c) Brea
- d) Fullerton
- e) Placentia
- f) California State University Fullerton

Common border agencies not included in Geographical Area A are:

- a) Orange County Sheriff's Department;
- b) Cypress; and
- c) La Palma.

335.7 REQUESTING FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

The on-duty Watch Commander has the authority to request emergency assistance from local federal law enforcement agencies (FBI, DEA, ICE, Border Patrol, Treasury Department, etc.) by telephone or through emergency communications systems. The federal law enforcement agencies will respond to emergency situations with available units and personnel to support local agencies where life and property are threatened.

Most of the federal agencies have unpublished 24-hour telephone numbers for use by local law enforcement in the event of an emergency. These phone numbers are available from the Computer Assisted Dispatch System's Special Instructions (SI) File.

335.8 REQUESTING NATIONAL GUARD ASSISTANCE

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services will dispatch the National Guard only in the event of a proclaimed local emergency and after local mutual aid efforts have proven to be insufficient to handle the emergency incident.

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The Buena Park City Council or City Manager must proclaim a local emergency and request that the governor proclaim a state of emergency. Upon the Governor's Proclamation, the local Director of Emergency Services may request that the National Guard be called in to assist local law enforcement efforts.