

DECONFLICTION

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601.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Columbia Police Department utilizes the services of Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Secure Automated Fast Event Tracking Network (SAFETNet) to deconflict investigations by seeking similar targets and events. SAFETNet is an all crimes / threats pointer system, and is not restricted to narcotics investigations.

601.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia Police Department to use deconfliction as an investigative tool to prevent duplication of investigative efforts, develop case linkages and enhance officer safety.

601.3 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Deconfliction – A process that allows officers or detectives to determine if a target of an investigation is currently being or has been investigated by another member law enforcement agency.

Event – A location that can be deconflicted using an address, intersections, or latitude / longitude coordinates set in time. Examples of events include (but are not limited to):

- A. Knock and Talk
- B. Long-term Surveillance
- C. Parcel Interdiction
- D. Search Warrant
- E. Concerned Citizen / Confidential Informant / Undercover Officer purchase of narcotics
- F. Controlled Delivery

Target – A person, business, vehicle, weapon or e-mail address.

601.4 PROCEDURE

- A. All information obtained through SAFETNet is confidential and law enforcement sensitive. SAFETNet shall not be referred to in any case documentation. Members will ensure submissions to SAFETNet contain accurate information and are related to an active investigation. All submissions to the SAFETNet system require a case or a computer aided dispatch (CAD) number.

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- B. It shall be the responsibility of the case agent to initiate the deconfliction procedures. The overall responsibility of deconfliction for planned events is the responsibility of the supervising officer.
- C. The Columbia Police Department will primarily utilize the Midwest HIDTA / SAFETNet for deconfliction in the following manner:
 - 1. By telephone to the Midwest HIDTA Watch Center (877) 374-8523, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 0800 to 1600. After regular business hours, the Midwest HIDTA Watch Center rings through to the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) in Jefferson City, Missouri. In the event Midwest HIDTA cannot be reached, or the El Paso Intelligence Center's (EPIC) website is down, MIAC can be contacted directly at (866) 362-6422 to assist with deconfliction services.
 - 2. By secure internet connection at the EPIC website (<http://esp.usdoj.gov>).
 - 3. If a planned operation is occurring in Boone County, Missouri, outside of the jurisdiction of the Columbia Police Department, officers will contact the appropriate supervisor at the Boone County Sheriff's Department directly to deconflict the operation.
- D. INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL
 - 1. Prior to the execution of a search warrant, all related persons and locations will be deconflicted.
 - 2. All suspects and investigative targets involved in a criminal investigation will be deconflicted.
 - 3. All addresses or locations that will be subjected to an on-going investigation will be deconflicted. Examples include search warrants, "knock and talks" pursuant to an existing investigation, and long-term surveillance operations.
 - 4. Supervisors of investigative elements will be responsible for ensuring their assigned personnel are deconflicting their targets and events at the onset of the investigation.
- E. PATROL BUREAU
 - 1. Patrol Officers conducting investigations beyond a routine call for service or patrol related function should deconflict the suspect(s) of the investigation and / or address. This will include:
 - a. Proactive enforcement operations such as "Knock and Talk" investigations
 - b. Search warrants (for premises) written and executed by officers within the Patrol division
 - c. Problem Oriented Police (POP) Projects where a specific location has been identified
 - d. Investigations conducted beyond that of the initial report, that which would ordinarily have been forwarded to an investigative element such as the Criminal Investigative Division (CID).
 - 2. Patrol Bureau Sergeants and / or Lieutenants will have HIDTA / SAFETNet credentials. A Patrol Officer needing to deconflict a target / event should contact an on-duty Patrol Sergeant or Lieutenant, who can initiate the process of deconfliction.

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3. Should an investigative conflict be discovered, the inquiring member will contact the listed investigative element or agency in an effort to attempt to determine the appropriate way of proceeding with the investigation.

601.5 TRAINING

It will be the responsibility of the Training and Recruiting Unit to develop training for all members of the Columbia Police Department.