


FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	Event Deconfliction		
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I. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish event deconfliction for undercover and high risk incidents to enhance officer safety, reduce risk, and encourage the effective use of critical resources.

II. Policy

- A. Often, investigative efforts such as undercover operations and controlled drug purchases create situations in which agency personnel work in close proximity to each other. In other situations, agencies or officers may interfere with each other's investigations, causing investigative efforts to be disrupted or, worse, officers to be unintentionally hurt or killed.
- B. Deconfliction is the process of sharing information with other law enforcement agencies, and proper case activation procedures that will enhance officer safety and efficiency of criminal investigations by identifying and alerting affected agencies or officers of potential conflicts impacting law enforcement efforts

III. Definitions

- A. *Deconfliction:* A process of notifying a central location of a planned event prior to its execution, which will enhance officer safety by preventing officers from accidentally targeting another law enforcement officer or compromising another investigation. In most instances this model policy will not apply to general patrol level investigations, but will assist in ongoing, drug, gang and vice-related investigations as well as high-profile crimes.
- B. *Planned Operation:* Any tactical activity or operation that requires a personal appearance at a predetermined location. These activities include, but are not limited to, the service of search warrants, narcotics purchases or sales (buy/busts and buy/walks), covert surveillance (fixed surveillance and mobile surveillance from a fixed location), reversals, storefronts and undercover operations.
- C. *Secure Accurate Fast Event Tracking Network (S.A.F.E.T.Net):* A comprehensive suite of applications to deconflict events, targets and data. S.A.F.E.T.Net is a secure internet based application that prevents similar, conflicting events and targets between law enforcement agencies. Officer safety is increased by comparing similar events around the same time and location, pointing to similar targets worked by multiple agencies and notifying affected case

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agents. Security of case information is maintained because S.A.F.E.T.Net works as a pointer system for similar information. Case details are not transmitted; only contact information.

IV. Procedure

- A. Particular attention should be paid to the practice of deconfliction between local jurisdictions as well as other investigative units within the Department. The detective or officer should attempt to contact/notify any local jurisdictions or agencies that may be affected when feasible. He or she should also communicate with other units involved in similar types of specialized investigations within the Department such as the Narcotics Unit and the K9 Officers.
- B. In addition to deconfliction at the local level, the assigned detective or officer shall report all planned operations to the S.A.F.E.T.Net Deconfliction Network, via the internet at least 2 hours prior to the planned operation unless otherwise authorized by a supervisor. This deconfliction service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Narcotics Supervisor will be the administrator of the program. The Narcotics Supervisor is the primary contact for entries, but investigators can request to be a registered user. All users shall receive appropriate training prior to using S.A.F.E.T.Net.
- C. S.A.F.E.T.Net entries should be noted by the case agent in his or her appropriate case file. This can be accomplished by printing the unique Event Identification Number generated by S.A.F.E.T.Net and including it in the case file. At minimum, this number will be included in the Confidential Buy Money ledger with the associated transaction as well as on the Receipt for Monies from Confidential Buy Money Fund. No money shall be issued for Planned Operations without a S.A.F.E.T.Net number.
- D. As many fields as possible will be completed in S.A.F.T.Net; however, at a minimum, users must provide the following information:
 - 1. Date and time of the event
 - 2. Nature of the Planned Operation
 - 3. Location of the Planned Operation
 - 4. Information about the suspect(s)
 - 5. Participating agency names
 - 6. Name and contact information of the assigned officer
- E. In the event S.A.F.E.T.Net identifies a potential conflict for a planned operation, the case agent shall immediately contact the identified agency and resolve any conflict that might exist before the planned operation is initiated.

V. Supervisory Responsibilities

- A. At minimum, the following supervisors/management personnel shall be registered as agency contacts with the S.A.F.E.T.Net system:
 - 1. CID Division Commander
 - 2. CID Assistant Division Commander
 - 3. Narcotics Supervisor
- B. Supervisors of personnel involved in planned operations shall ensure that S.A.F.E.T.Net is utilized and that identified potential conflicts are resolved before any operations are continued.

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