



Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department

Mobile Field Force/Event Response Group

General Order 6.19

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to utilize the Mobile Field Force concept when it becomes necessary to mobilize and deploy officers to a specific situation. The mission of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department in an emergency situation is the efficient mobilization and deployment of sufficient resources to protect life and property and to preserve order. Because of the existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of riots, civil disturbances, terrorist activities, and other law enforcement problems associated with disasters, either man-made or natural, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department must be prepared to fulfill this mission.

DEFINITIONS

Mobile Field Force (MFF): A substantial contingent of officers functioning in the Special Services chain of command that would respond to an emergency situation that requires an extremely large mobilization of department resources.

Event Response Group (ERG): A subset of the Mobile Field Force functioning in the Special Services chain of command that would respond to an emergency situation that requires a smaller mobilization of department resources than needed for a full Mobile Field Force deployment. ERG units will be used to staff special events that require specialized crowd management techniques.

PROCEDURE

I. Mobile Field Force

- A. The Incident Commander of any emergency situation has the authority to request deployment of the MFF while advising the Chief of Police of the level of mobilization required. The four levels of mobilization of the MFF are:
 1. Deployment of on-duty MFF officers from the impacted district;
 2. Deployment of all on-duty MFF officers;
 3. Partial recall of off-duty MFF officers; or
 4. Recall of all MFF officers.

NOTE: The Incident Commander should request on-duty and off-duty MFF officers through Communications.

- B. All officers, regardless of present assignment, who have been trained and provided with the necessary equipment, will be assigned to the MFF.
- C. The uniform for MFF operations will be the department authorized squad suit. For a pre-planned special event, the Chief of Police has the discretion to authorize other appropriate department attire.



- D. The MFF will be utilized within the parameters established by the current edition of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Emergency Operations Manual.
- E. MFF officers assigned to the Operations Division, including detectives not working undercover assignments, must maintain their issued MFF equipment in their assigned vehicles, ready for use, at all times.
 - 1. The Mobile Field Force District Coordinator or his designee will be responsible for inspecting this equipment every three (3) months and forwarding the results of the inspections to the Mobile Field Force Coordinator.
- F. MFF officers assigned to the Administration and Criminal Investigations Divisions, except those in an undercover capacity, must maintain their issued MFF equipment in their assigned vehicles, ready for use, at all times.
 - 1. These officers must have a uniform or squad suit available that would allow them to respond to any emergency within one hour of being requested.
 - 2. A Mobile Field Force Division Coordinator or his designee will inspect this equipment every three (3) months.
- G. Records of all equipment inspections will be forwarded to the Mobile Field Force Coordinator and will be retained for a period of one (1) year.
 - 1. Any MFF officer having equipment needing repairs will coordinate the repairs through the Mobile Field Force Coordinator.
 - 2. Any issued equipment that is missing will be reported as lost or stolen following department procedure.
- H. When practical, all MFF officers will receive a minimum of eight (8) hours of MFF in-service training each year. This training will be coordinated by the Mobile Field Force Training Coordinator.
- I. The MFF administrative staff will be responsible for training, equipment, and policy. The Mobile Field Force administrative staff consists of:
 - 1. A Lieutenant serving as the Mobile Field Force Coordinator;
 - 2. A Sergeant serving as the Mobile Field Force Training Coordinator;
 - 3. Five (5) Sergeants serving as Mobile Field Force District Coordinators;
 - 4. Two (2) Sergeants serving as Mobile Field Force Administration and Criminal Investigation Division Coordinators; and
 - 5. Event Response Group administrative staff.

II. Event Response Group

- A. Officers who are members of the Mobile Field Force may apply for a position on the Event Response Group by submitting an inter-department through the chain of command to the ERG Coordinator.



- B. Selections will be based on criteria established by the ERG Coordinator and approved by the Special Services commander. MFF officers who volunteer for a position on the ERG must agree to serve for a minimum of one (1) year
- C. *The Incident Commander of any situation has the authority to request a total or limited deployment of the ERG based on the severity of a specific incident.* The four (4) levels of mobilization of the ERG are:
 - 1. Deployment of on-duty ERG officers from the impacted district;
 - 2. Deployment of all on-duty ERG officers;
 - 3. Partial recall of off-duty ERG officers; or
 - 4. Recall of all ERG officers.

NOTE: The Incident Commander should request on-duty and off-duty ERG officers through Communications.

- D. The uniform for ERG operations will be the department authorized squad suit. For a pre-planned special event, the Chief of Police has the discretion to authorize other appropriate department attire.
- E. When necessary, the ERG Coordinator may supplement ERG squads with MFF officers for training purposes or to provide additional manpower.
- F. The ERG will be the first component of the Mobile Field Force to be utilized when an incident requires an organized response, greater than a normal district response, that does not rise to the level of a Mobile Field Force response.
 - 1. This includes incidents that require training or equipment that is not available to officers not assigned to the ERG.

NOTE: The ERG is not a replacement for a response by SWAT, Bomb Squad, etc. However, it may be determined that the Event Response Group is the appropriate supporting role for these types of incidents.

- G. Any officer or supervisor may be removed from the ERG for cause with approval by the Special Services commander.
- H. When practical, officers assigned to the ERG will receive a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of ERG in-service training each year.
 - 1. This training will be coordinated by the Event Response Group Training Coordinator.
- I. The ERG administrative staff will be responsible for training, equipment, and policy.
 - 1. The ERG administrative staff consists of separate personnel than those involved with the Mobile Field Force administrative staff.
 - 2. Appointments to any position on the ERG administrative staff must be approved by the Special Services commander. The ERG administrative staff consists of:



- a. A Lieutenant serving as the Event Response Group Coordinator;
- b. A Sergeant serving as the Event Response Group Training Coordinator; and
- c. Mobile Field Force administrative staff.