

	STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE State Form 39870(R/S-06)	Reference Number SOC-001
	Subject Mobile Field Force (MFF)	
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I. PURPOSE

Establish guidelines for alerting, activating, and training of ISP police employees assigned to the Mobile Field Force (MFF).

II. POLICY

MFF may be utilized for public service (disaster relief, etc.), maintain order, or controlling groups of people by utilizing a well-trained and coordinated specialized unit. MFF commanders shall ensure team members maintain themselves and their equipment in the proper-ready condition.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Only the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent of the Enforcement Bureau may activate a MFF team and/or a backup MFF team for a Signal 49 (stand-by) or Signal 50 (activation).

B. Activation of MFF Team(S)

1. Requests for MFF team stand-by or activation for future events shall be handled by memorandum, through channels, to the Deputy Superintendent of the Enforcement Bureau.

2. Immediate or emergency requests for stand-by or activation shall be forwarded verbally, through channels, to the Deputy Superintendent of the Enforcement Bureau.

3. When Signal 49 is activated the applicable MFF members will be notified and shall:

- a. Make necessary preparations for immediate departure; and
- b. Remain in 24-hour phone contact or leave instructions at the applicable district if cell service is unavailable.

4. When Signal 50 is activated the applicable MFF members will be notified, and shall:

- a. Immediately depart for the predetermined assembly location, if required;
- b. Drive in a reasonable and prudent manner, as the situation dictates; however, not Signal 10 unless otherwise directed;
- c. Report in directed uniform to the appropriate MFF commander and remain at the designated location until relieved by the officer in charge (OIC) of the detail; and

- d. Have sufficient personal items packed for an extended stay.
- 5. District commanders shall keep current rosters of specialty teams assigned to the area applicable to their district.
- 6. When a Signal 49 or Signal 50 has been announced, the appropriate Area Captain will be notified and the applicable chain of command.
 - a. Field Support Services (FSS) personnel shall be notified to provide field support.
 - b. Two (2) EOD and two (2) EOR members from the appropriate EOD teams shall be placed on standby.
 - c. If the detail dictates, the appropriate area commander shall notify SWAT to serve as a special weapons backup for the MFF team. SWAT shall report and remain at the location unless, called upon for duty or relieved by the officer-in-charge.
 - d. If the detail dictates, the appropriate area commander shall assign two (2) detectives to the location for investigation of criminal activities. The detectives shall not receive MFF equipment.
 - e. MFF commanders shall complete all required after-action reports as outlined in the MFF operational/training manual.

C. Selection of Team Members

MFF members may be volunteers or may be assigned based upon the needs of the Department and their individual skills.

D. Recognition Medals

After five (5) years of service with MFF and upon favorable termination from the MFF Program, former platoon members may keep their issued recognition medal and wear it while in uniform.

E. MFF Training

1. Department MFF personnel shall be properly trained and utilized in accordance with the standards set forth in the Department's MFF Operational/Training Manual.

F. This procedure is to be used in conjunction with all relevant Department regulations, rules, policies, and procedures.