

***P.O. 1501 Public Affairs Section***

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**A. P.O. 1501 - Public Affairs Section**

1. The Public Affairs Section shall:
  - i) Coordinate public affairs programs of the Department, including the disbursement of traffic safety education materials to the public.
  - ii) Coordinate the Department's ceremonial events.
  - iii) Communicate Department policy and activities to the public and media.
  - iv) Assist media representatives at incidents of public interest.
  - v) Arrange news conferences when warranted and assist the attending media representatives.
  - vi) Coordinate and authorize the release of information about:
    - a) Victims.
    - b) Witnesses.
    - c) Suspects.
  - vii) Assist in crisis situations within the Department.
2. The Commander of Public Affairs shall:
  - i) Be the official spokesperson and public information officer for the Department.
  - ii) Shall ensure that a Public Information Officer is available 24 hours a day to assist Troops/Sections and the media.