

**LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER**

G.O. 321 ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

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A. Abatement Procedures

1. Definition: In an effort to foster greater community relations within the City of Little Rock, officers of this Department shall initiate the necessary procedures to abate known nuisance locations. Common nuisance, specified in § 5-74-109 et seq., are defined as any premises, building or place used to facilitate the commission of a continuing series of three (3) or more criminal violations of Arkansas law. All such places, including any shop, warehouse, dwelling house, building, boat, airplane, or any place whatever, used for the purpose of unlawfully selling, storing, keeping, manufacturing, using, or giving away any controlled substance, precursor, or analog specified in § 5-64-101 et seq., shall be a common nuisance. This section shall apply as well to a public nuisance, specified in § 16-105-303 et seq., which is defined as a dance hall or other local business in which, or around which there are public disturbances, the unlawful drinking of intoxicating liquors, quarrels, affrays, or general breaches of the peace are frequent. All such common or public nuisance places are subject to abatement procedures. (Note: This section does not apply to City Code violations (i.e., weed lots, abandoned vehicles, etc.). Abatements under these circumstances shall be referred to Code Enforcement for proper handling.)
2. Authority: The Special Investigations Division shall be responsible for the follow-up investigation of all reported nuisance places.
3. Guidelines: When any officer encounters what he believes to be a nuisance premises or place, as defined above, as a result of police action or arrest, observation or public notification, he shall:
 - a) Document all known or readily accessible information about the location including the address, occupants, vehicles and premises description on a standard police incident report form.
 - b) Draft an Officer's Report (Form 5600-2) detailing the circumstances of the report outlining the reasoning behind the belief that the location is a nuisance;
 - c) Submit the officer's report along with a copy of the incident report to an immediate supervisor for approval by the Chain of Command up to the Division Commander;
 - d) Once approved, the Division Commander will forward the reports to the Special Investigations Division Commander who will review and assign the reports to the appropriate unit for investigation.
4. The SID investigating unit shall be responsible for conducting a thorough investigation concerning the report and pursue abatement pursuant to and consistent with the SID Divisional Operating Procedures outlined in Section 5100-3.