

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES & PROCEDURES



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SUBJECT: IMPACT OPERATIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for impact operations conducted by commissioned personnel.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety to conduct safe, impact operations in high-crime areas.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety.

4.0 REFERENCES

NONE

5.0 DEFINITIONS

- **A.** Impact Operation A concentrated effort within a high-crime area to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the citizens of New Mexico.
- **B. Supervisor –** A commissioned officer, usually a sergeant or higher ranking, in charge of an impact operation.
- **C. Impact Operation Plan** A written plan that includes operational objectives to accomplish the impact operation's objective.

6.0 PROCEDURE

A. Selection of Areas for Impact Operations

- 1. The following criteria shall be reviewed and considered when designating an area to conduct an Impact Operation:
 - a. Uniform calls for service
 - b. Citizen complaints
 - c. Known criminal activity
 - d. Intelligence gathering
 - e. Local and federal law enforcement assistance

B. Impact Operations Plan

1. An impact operations plan shall be completed and approved by a supervisor at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the proposed start of the impact operation unless exigent circumstances dictate otherwise, as approved by a supervisor.

C. Briefings/Debriefings

- 1. A briefing shall be conducted prior to the start of an impact operation that includes the following:
 - a. A review of the operation's plan by all participating personnel
 - b. Applicability of relevant policies, rules, regulations or laws
 - c. Safety issues
- 2. A debriefing shall be immediately held following the impact operation covering the following:
 - a. Outcome of operation
 - Follow-up investigation needed
 - c. Complaints
 - d. Documentation and submission of intelligence and statistics gathered/generated

D. Reporting/Tracking/De-confliction

- 1. Operations that target known offenders shall be de-conflicted with other investigative agencies.
 - a. Commissioned personnel shall utilize HIDTA's de-confliction system during impact operations, as mandated by HIDTA and JAG initiatives.
- 2. Completed operational plans and reports shall be forwarded to the Investigations Bureau zone commanders for filing and tracking purposes.
- 3. Investigations Bureau zone commanders shall be responsible for disseminating useful, timely intelligence when obtained from impact operations.

E. Clothing

- Department-approved equipment and uniforms shall be worn and utilized during all impact operations.
- 2. Attire other than approved-uniforms may be worn when the need is articulated in the operational plan and approved by a supervisor.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

A. Impact Operation Plan

8.0 APPROVAL

| APPROVED BY: | s/John Denko | DATE: September 19, 2008 |
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