



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Subject: Deconfliction		Policy Number: OPR: 72
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1) PURPOSE

- a) The primary purpose of deconfliction is to determine when law enforcement personnel are conducting events near one another at the same time.

2) POLICY

- a) It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety that deconfliction is to be used to avoid dangerous confrontations and/or unintentional consequences between law enforcement personnel and citizens by entering qualifying events into a deconfliction system.

3) APPLICABILITY

- a) This policy applies to all commissioned and non-commissioned personnel of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Program.

4) REFERENCES

- a) Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies 46.2.8 - Event Deconfliction Systems
- b) Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)

5) DEFINITIONS

- a) **Deconfliction:** Deconfliction is the notification of a central location of an event before its execution, so officers will not unknowingly target or conflict with another law enforcement officer or compromise another investigation. This is particularly important for agencies in concurrent or contiguous jurisdictions that are involved in high-risk activities such as undercover operations, surveillance, execution of search warrants, or fugitive apprehensions.
 - i) When certain elements (i.e., location, date, and time) are matched between two or more events/operations, a conflict (or hit) results. Immediate notification is then made by the deconfliction system to the



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involved agency personnel. The event deconfliction process is a pointer system, alerting officers that they may be operating near one another.

- ii) When a conflict exists, both agencies are notified for them to determine the nature of the conflict and individually decide the extent to which they wish to share case details.
 - iii) It also helps to identify common suspects/targets of interest to multiple law enforcement agencies. The intent behind deconfliction is to increase officer safety, prevent investigative conflict between law enforcement agencies, prevent duplication of effort, and promote the exchange of information crucial to multi-jurisdictional investigations.
 - iv) Deconfliction is to be used when conducting complex investigations, a planned or unplanned tactical operation, impact operations, and any operation involving potentially violent offenders.
 - v) Complex Investigation: an investigation that includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) narcotics operations
 - (2) violent felony investigations
 - (3) fugitive apprehension
 - (4) and any criminal investigation referred to, and/or handled by, the Investigations Bureau.
- b) **Deconfliction system:** An officer safety event deconfliction pointer system allows for controlled and secure monitoring of selected operations to prevent “blue on blue” situations from arising and duplication of investigative efforts. It allows for the immediate notification of affected parties when conflicts arise to avoid dangerous confrontations and/or unintentional consequences between law enforcement personnel and our citizens by entering qualifying events.
- c) **DPS Planned Activity:** a pre-planned law enforcement activity where an operational plan is created to outline basic investigative and/or enforcement activities including assignments, goals, and risks associated with the operation.



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- d) **Event/Target Deconfliction:** a mechanism where specifically identified field operational activities are submitted/entered into an approved information-sharing system.
- e) **Event:** A location that can be deconflicted using an address, an intersection, or latitude/longitude coordinates.
- f) **Target:** A person, business, phone number, vehicle, or e-mail address.

6) OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

- a) Complex investigations and planned DPS activities/events shall be entered into a deconfliction system, which can include, but is not limited to:
 - i) Search Warrants
 - ii) Arrest warrants
 - iii) Surveillance Operations
 - iv) Impact Operations
 - v) Undercover Operations
 - vi) Knock and talk.
 - vii) Organized crimes involving stolen or burglarized property.
 - viii) Homicide and other violent criminal investigations
 - ix) Any other high-risk or specialized law enforcement activities that would benefit from event deconfliction.
- b) Unplanned activities/events shall be entered into a deconfliction system, which can include, but is not limited to:
 - i) Tactical Team callouts and missions for potentially violent offenders
 - ii) CNT and CIT call about potentially violent individuals
 - iii) NMSP operations to arrest potentially violent offenders.
 - iv) Emergency Response Team deployments
- c) DPS personnel who have completed the required training and received the proper authorizations will be allowed to manually make deconfliction entries; otherwise, DPS personnel may contact the DPS Watch Center or an NMSP Intelligence Unit Investigator, and request that they enter the event and/or target into the deconfliction system.
- d) Deconfliction information includes, at a minimum:



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- i) Date and time of planned operation.
 - ii) Type of operation.
 - iii) Location of the operation, including any staging areas.
 - iv) Information about the suspect(s), including full names, aliases or monikers, date of birth, vehicle information, and phone numbers.
 - v) Lead and participating agency names.
 - vi) Name and agency of the person entering the operation, including cellular telephone number, along with a secondary point of contact for the operation.
 - vii) Specify the radius of deconfliction (if not preset by the deconfliction system).
- e) Deconfliction Numbers: a deconfliction number is generated for each deconfliction. The officer or employee shall document the deconfliction number.
- f) When an officer becomes aware of a conflict, the officer shall immediately attempt to contact the user whom their event or target conflicts with and resolve the conflict.
- g) For multi-agency operations, the NMSP supervisor or designee assigned to coordinate with the lead agency shall confirm that the lead agency has deconflicted that operation.

7) ATTACHMENTS

- a) None

8) APPROVAL

APPROVED BY: _____



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