

## **COMMAND NOTIFICATION**

### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to notify respective bureau Deputy Chiefs and the Chief of Police of unusual occurrences, injuries, deaths, or other serious incidents.

### **PROCEDURE:**

#### **I. Command Notification Requirements**

- A. The precinct/section captain or unit/squad supervisor shall contact their bureau Deputy Chief to notify them of serious incidents via telephone or text message as described in this policy.
- B. Bureau Deputy Chiefs will determine whether or not to contact the Chief of Police upon being notified of incidents.

#### **II. Telephone Notifications**

- A. Incidents that require immediate telephone notification of the respective bureau Deputy Chief include the following:
  - 1. Serious injury (hospitalization) to an officer or civilian, resulting from police action.
  - 2. Person of any age missing under suspicious circumstances or where foul play is suspected.
  - 3. Officer-involved shooting or firearms discharge (excluding destruction of animals or non-injury discharge).
  - 4. Hostage situations.
  - 5. Incident serious enough for an employee to be relieved of duty.
  - 6. Major disturbances. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
    - a. Spontaneous civil unrest.
    - b. Large disturbances that require skirmish lines to control.
    - c. Large disturbances that significantly affect normal business operations.
  - 7. Significant disasters. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
    - a. Natural or manmade events that cause large-scale damage to property and/or multiple injuries or deaths such as tornado damage, plane crashes with multiple injuries or deaths, or terrorist acts.
  - 8. Detonation of bomb or explosive device resulting in significant damage or injury.
  - 9. Pursuit resulting in serious injuries (hospitalization) or significant property damage.
  - 10. Incidents that result in multiple deaths or multiple serious injuries.
  - 11. Death on city property.

### **III. Text Message Notifications**

- A. Incidents that require notification of the respective bureau Deputy Chief via text message as soon as feasible include the following:
  - 1. Homicide or traffic fatality.
  - 2. Any incident which is significant due to unusual circumstances. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - a. Prominent citizen's suicide.
    - b. Mass destruction of property.
    - c. Barricade incidents.
    - d. Incident that receives significant news media coverage.
  - 3. Arrests made in OPD buildings or on OPD property that are not related to a criminal investigation.

**EXAMPLE:** An individual causes a disturbance at the OPD Central Headquarters Front Desk that results in their arrest.

### **IV. Coordination When Planning Enforcement Operations**

- A. The Deputy Chiefs of the appropriate bureaus shall be notified during the initial planning stages of enforcement operations that are being coordinated between bureaus. Examples include the following:
  - 1. Operations with potential for a large number of arrests (more than ten people).
  - 2. Operations that may attract significant media attention.

### **REFERENCES:**

#### **I. Previous OPD Orders**

- A. Previous OPD General Orders include the following: #55-96, 37-14, 112-17, and 98-18.

#### **II. Accreditation Standards**

- A. CALEA Accreditation standards 11.4.5 and 43.1.1 are relevant to this policy.

#### **III. PPM Updates**

- A. Relevant PPM Update #10-2017.