

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCES

PREAMBLE:

The Omaha Police Department (OPD) recognizes that cooperative, multi-jurisdictional efforts can often accomplish more than the efforts of a single agency. Therefore, the OPD believes it is sometimes prudent to partner with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to establish investigative task forces that target certain types of criminal activity within the Omaha metropolitan area.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Omaha Police Department (OPD) to participate in investigative task forces, as needed, to address specific crime problems in the Omaha metropolitan area.

DEFINITIONS:

Event Deconfliction: The process of determining when law enforcement personnel are conducting an event in proximity to one another at the same time. Events include actions such as raids, undercover operations, surveillance, or executing search warrants. When a conflict is discovered, the affected agencies or personnel are immediately notified of the identified conflict.

PROCEDURE:

I. General

- A. The purpose of a long-term multi-jurisdictional investigative task force is to address specific crime problems/offenses in Omaha and the surrounding area.
- B. The Chief of Police or designee will determine the OPD's level of commitment to any long-term multi-jurisdictional investigative task force.
- C. Each task force shall have a designated OPD commander and/or liaison who is responsible for coordinating and planning investigative task force activities or assigning a designee to do so.
- D. Officer safety is a top priority when establishing multi-jurisdictional investigative task forces and when assigning employees to task force duties.
 1. Task force members will receive access to relevant intelligence information and will utilize Event Deconfliction strategies, whenever possible, to prevent potentially dangerous operational conflicts.

II. Written Agreements

- A. Whenever the Department participates in a long-term, multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency task force, the participating agencies shall produce a written agreement that describes task force activities. The written agreement shall cover the following topics, at a minimum.
 1. The purpose of the task force and the authorities and/or responsibilities of the task force participants.
 2. Supervision of task force participants and activities.
 3. A process for evaluating task force results and assessing the need for the task force's continued operation.

- a. Evaluation processes and timelines will be dependent on the specific needs of each task force, and may vary between task force agreements.
4. Staffing, equipment, and resource requirements, such as facilities, supplies, and funding.
5. Officer safety information and/or guidelines.
6. Identification procedures for task force participants.

NOTE: Additional duties of OPD employees who participate in task forces may be detailed in the OPD Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) and/or OPD unit manuals.

REFERENCES:

I. Previous OPD Orders

- A. Previous General Orders: #24-13 and 8-22.

II. Accreditation Standards

- A. Relevant CALEA Accreditation Standards include the following: 42.2.4

III. Other

- A. PPM Monthly Update #8-2016.