

## 41.2 General Patrol Procedures

- A. All sworn officers will check their vehicles, vehicle equipment and assigned equipment at the start of *shift* to assure proper operation. If any equipment is found to be nonoperational or damaged it will be reported immediately to the officer's immediate supervisor, with a follow-up e-mail as soon as possible to the Support Services Commander and/or the fleet maintenance staff as appropriate. Officers will not drive a patrol unit with damaged or non-operational equipment unless no other fully functioning patrol unit is available, and then only with supervisor approval. All officers will sign onto all in-car systems with their own logon at the start of their shift, and will sign off all in-car systems at the end of their shift. Officers will not operate an in-car system with another officer logged on without supervisory approval. All equipped technology will remain active the entire time an officer is on duty. Turning off or disabling any departmental equipment will result in serious disciplinary action. All Department issued equipment remains the property of the Paradise Valley Police Department, and the Department retains the right to audit any equipment at any time. The Department WILL conduct random audits of deployed technology to ensure compliance with all applicable policies and procedures. Audits will be conducted by the Support Services Division.
- B. Patrol *officers* are to respond promptly and safely to both assigned calls for service and on-sight situations requiring police action. All patrol units *shall* return to service following a call or police action as soon as feasible.
- C. Patrol officers are responsible for the preliminary investigation and follow-up of crimes, which they have responded to. Exceptions include crimes specifically assigned to be investigated by detectives or other specialty units and crimes that require specialized training or equipment to properly investigate.
- D. An officer requesting back-up *shall* specify the officer's location and whether multiple units are needed. The request *shall* be canceled if the back-up becomes unnecessary. Once the scene is secure responding units *will* be notified and *will* return to service; any unneeded units on the scene *will* return to service.
- E. *Supervisors shall* be notified when their assistance is needed or required. When a citizen requests the presence of a *supervisor*, one *should* be called to the scene.

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