

	<b>REPEAT OFFENDER PROGRAM</b>	<b>Operations Order 8.9.00</b>
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1. **GENERAL INFORMATION** – The Department's repeat offender programs include the Repeat Offender Program (ROP) and the Misdemeanor Repeat Offender Program (MROP).

- A. **Repeat Offender Program (ROP)** – Designed to identify offenders who are highly violent or have a high-rate of committing felony property crimes.

- (1) Once the offender is identified as a target, ROP concentrates on post-arrest case enhancement with police/prosecutor teams to ensure appropriate follow-up corrective action within the justice system.
- (2) Officers should be reminded to exercise caution when dealing with ROP targets due to their heightened violence potential.

- B. **Misdemeanor Repeat Offender Program (MROP)** – Designed to identify offenders who have established a pattern of committing "quality-of-life" and misdemeanor property crimes (MROP targets violent offenders within that population).

- (1) Once the offender is identified as a candidate, the MROP concentrates on post-arrest case enhancement with police, prosecutor, and community teams to ensure appropriate follow-up corrective action within the justice system.
- (2) Consideration will be given to provide benefit assistance to offenders rather than criminal prosecution.

- C. Both internal and external resources will be used to identify those offenders who repeatedly commit felony and misdemeanor crimes within the City.

- D. ROP and MROP uses proven recidivism evaluation criteria based on factors that indicate a propensity for re-offending.

2. **ROP CANDIDATE CRITERIA**

- A. The following may be indicators that merit recommending a subject to the ROP Program:

- Candidate is an adult or remanded juvenile
- Current criminal activity is at a rate of five (5) or more crimes per week
- Substance abuse that could not be supported by the individual's current financial means
- Rate of unemployment
- High-violence potential

- B. Officers should keep in mind that a suspect who has a high rate of recidivism in one type of crime: for example, robbery, or burglary, may also be a repeat offender of other crimes.

- C. Other criteria can be established by a ROP detective at the time of his/her involvement with the case.

- D. ROP does not routinely target sex offenders or drug offenders exclusively because the Maricopa County Attorney's Office has trial groups specializing in those two categories.

3. **ROP CANDIDACY PROCEDURES**

- A. If officers believe they have a ROP target or a potential ROP candidate in custody, they should contact the ROP Detail.

- (1) ROP detectives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- ROP detectives' phone numbers are posted in the prisoner processing area and front desk of all precincts.

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3. B. If officers know of a potential candidate who is not in custody, they should complete a Repeat Offender Candidate Nomination form and forward it to the ROP Detail.
- C. A targeted ROP offender may not be used as an information source without the approval of an assistant chief.

4. **FLASH WARNING - CRIMINAL INFORMATION**

- A. When a records check is run on a subject who is a ROP target, a flash warning will appear on the Arizona Criminal Information Center (ACIC) record.
  - (1) If the subject is in custody on a **felony** arrest, the ROP Detail should be called.
  - (2) This warning will list the phone number and instruct the officer to call the detective in charge of that ROP case.
  - (3) The detective will advise the officer of procedures to be completed at that time: for example, photograph, Field Interview (FI), or hold subject for detective's arrival for an interview.
- B. If the subject is in custody for a **misdemeanor**, the ROP Detail does not need to be called.

5. **ROP DETECTIVE RESPONSE**

- A. If ROP detectives respond, they will ensure the proper paperwork is completed to forward the case to the proper ROP prosecutor.
- B. ROP detectives will not normally take disposition of a criminal scene or a criminal investigation to avoid conflicts of interest.

6. **ROP SURVEILLANCE SQUAD**

- A. Detectives assigned to this squad will assist ROP detectives by coordinating the surveillance of new ROP offenders.
  - Emphasis will be placed on establishing and investigating the strongest, prosecutable new felony, class 4 or higher, cases.
- B. These detectives will coordinate with other Department units in the apprehension of repeat offenders with outstanding felony warrants.

7. **MROP CANDIDATE CRITERIA**

- A. The following may be indicators that merit recommending a subject to the MROP:
  - Candidate has criminal history attributed to quality-of-life issues, including but not limited to; trespassing, soliciting from the roadway, urinating in public, public sexual indecency, indecent exposure, drinking in public, sitting or lying on public right-of-way, and violating court ordered travel restrictions
  - Current criminal activity is at a rate of five (5) or more arrests in the last 12 months
  - Specific complaint/s from neighborhood groups, the business community, or general public
- B. Officers should keep in mind that a suspect who has a high rate of recidivism in quality-of-life crimes may also be a repeat offender of other crimes.
- C. Other criteria can be established by MROP liaisons at the time of their involvement with the case.

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**8. MROP CANDIDACY PROCEDURES**

- A. If officers believe they have an MROP suspect or potential MROP candidate in custody, they should contact their precinct/bureau MROP liaison or supervisor.
  - MROP liaisons telephone numbers are posted in the prisoner processing area and the front desk of all precincts/bureau.
- B. If officers know of a potential candidate who is not in custody, they should complete an FI or send a City e-mail to their precinct/bureau MROP liaison.

**9. MROP LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Each precinct will have a minimum of one officer/detective assigned to the MROP. The liaison is the information source and care taker of eligible MROP candidates in his/her respective precincts.
- B. The liaison must maintain the list of MROP candidates in his/her precincts in an intelligence file located in the records management system (RMS) and:
  - Maintain booking photographs.
  - Update file stop/RMS BOLO (Be On Look Out) information.
  - Maintain current Judgment and Sentence Orders.
  - Maintain letters from the community regarding the impact the suspect has/is having on the area.
  - Review all precinct nominations of MROP candidates to ensure they meet the induction criteria.
  - Review all Incident Reports (IRs) on MROP suspects to ensure all program criteria are met.
  - Attempt to obtain community presence at MROP sentence hearings.
  - Attend all regularly scheduled MROP committee meetings.
  - Nominate MROP candidates to the committee and defend their nomination.
  - Provide training on the MROP as deemed appropriate by the precinct/bureau commander.
  - Actively work cases involving priority MROP suspects assigned to them and any other responsibilities assigned by the commander.

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