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GENERAL ORDER



Subject:

Rewards Programs

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The purpose of this order is to establish the department's reward committees and set forth the procedures to be followed when determining the distribution of the rewards. This order consists of the following parts:

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**PART I**

**A. Types of Reward Programs.**

**1. MAJOR DRUG DEALERS:**

The Major Drug Dealers reward program offers a monetary award to citizens who provide information that leads to the arrest and indictment of a major drug dealer operating in the District of Columbia.

The amount granted for this program does not exceed \$25,000.00.

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2. **GOTCHA:**

The GOTCHA reward program is designed to alert the public of the presence of serious offenders within the community, and to encourage citizens to volunteer information concerning the whereabouts of these offenders.

A reward is offered to any citizen who provides information leading to the arrest of any of the ten most wanted serious offenders who are pictured on a poster issued monthly by the department's Fugitive Unit.

The amount of reward granted to citizens under this program is \$1,000.00.

3. **CAPTURE:**

The CAPTURE reward program offers a reward to any citizen who provides information to this department leading to the apprehension of any of the ten most wanted murderers who are pictured on a poster issued periodically by this department.

The amount of reward granted to citizens under this program does not exceed \$10,000.00.

4. **OPERATION SAVE ONE:**

The Operation Save One reward program offers a reward to citizens who provide information leading to the arrest of any person who is illegally in possession of a firearm.

The amount of reward granted to citizens under this program is \$100.00.

5. **CABBIES ON PATROL:**

The Cabbies on Patrol reward program offers a reward to cab drivers who report crimes in progress in the District of Columbia which results in an arrest and indictment or leads to the closure of a crime.

The amount of reward granted to cab drivers under this program is up to \$1,000.00.

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6. **OPERATION PREDATOR:**

The Operation Predator reward program offers a reward to any citizen who provides information that helps lead to the arrest and conviction of individuals identified by the Homicide Branch who are suspected of being involved in multiple murders.

The amount of reward granted to citizens under this program is up to \$5,000.00.

7. **FIREARMS BOUNTY.**

The Firearms Bounty reward program enlists the support of the public in the arrest and conviction of persons who use or distribute illegal firearms in our city.

A reward of up to \$100,000 may be given to any citizen who provides information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons who engage in the illegal sale, rental, lease, or loan of a firearm in exchange for money or other things of value, or commit a crime with a firearm.

B. **Reward Committees.**

1. **Reward Advisory Committee.**

- a. Pursuant to D.C. Law 9-115, the Illegal Firearm Sale and Distribution Strict Liability Act of 1992, the Reward Advisory Committee is established to review only those recommendations for rewards under the **Firearms Bounty Reward Program**. In conjunction with the Act, the Reward Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- (1) Investigative Services Officer - Chairperson;
- (2) Commander, Criminal Investigations Division;
- (3) General Counsel;
- (4) U.S. Attorney's Office (representative); and
- (5) A representative from an outside law enforcement agency (when appropriate).

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- b. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Commander, Criminal Investigations Division, shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.

2. **Special Reward Committee.**

The department's Special Reward Committee shall review those cases submitted for rewards by the Citizens Confidential Unit, Public Information Office, and recommend to the Chief of Police the amount of funds to be awarded to a designated recipient.

- a. The Special Reward Committee shall consist of the following members:
  - (1) Commanding Officer, Management Services Bureau, Chairperson;
  - (2) Public Information Officer;
  - (3) Director, Community Affairs Division; and
  - (4) Commanding Officer, Patrol Services Bureau.
- b. In the absence of the chairperson, the senior official present shall serve as the chairperson of the committee.
- c. The Special Reward Committee shall meet quarterly, or as determined by the Chairperson.
- e. The Special Reward Committee is responsible for reviewing the recommendations for rewards for the following programs:
  - (1) MAJOR DRUG DEALERS
  - (2) GOTCHA
  - (3) CAPTURE
  - (4) OPERATION SAVE ONE
  - (5) CABBIES ON PATROL
  - (6) OPERATION PREDATOR

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**C. Reward Committee Chairpersons.**

The Reward Committee Chairpersons shall:

1. Upon the committees' recommendation as to the amount of the citizen reward, prepare a memorandum to the Chief of Police, requesting approval of the amount of the reward.
2. Provide the Chief of Police with a copy of the PD Form 729 (Citizens Confidential Unit Debriefing Form).
3. Coordinate with Finance and Budget Division, alternative methods to be used to disburse reward funds to the recipient when normal disbursement procedures are inappropriate.

**D. Citizens Confidential Unit, Public Information Office.**

The Citizens Confidential Unit shall:

1. Operate various programs which offer citizens varying amounts of monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest and/or indictment of criminal suspects.
2. Assign the citizen a personal caller identification number that will be utilized each time the citizen calls this department with information.
3. Prepare PD Form 729 for each citizen providing valuable crime information. An original and one copy shall be prepared. The original copy shall be forwarded to the District or Unit Commander where the criminal activity is taking place. The second copy shall be maintained by the Citizens Confidential Unit.
4. Prepare PD Form 729-A (Citizens Confidential Unit Tracking Form) for each PD Form 729 prepared. This form shall be forwarded with the PD Form 729 to serve as a tracking document.
5. Instruct citizens who wish to report information to this department that will assist in the arrest and/or indictment of criminal suspects to call the Citizens Confidential Unit on 1-800-673-2777.
6. Advise citizens that they need not identify themselves and that information they provide may lead to an award under any one of the reward programs mentioned in this order.
7. Prepare a report to the appropriate reward committee chairperson containing the pertinent information that led to the arrest and/or indictment.

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## PART II

### A. Commanding Officers.

Commanding Officers shall:

1. Ensure the investigation of any crime assigned by the Citizens Confidential Unit. Upon the arrest of a suspect and/or subsequent indictment resulting from information supplied by the citizen, complete the PD Form 729 indicating the results and forward this information to the Citizens Confidential Unit within ten days of the closure of the case.
2. Complete the PD Form 729-A and return to the Citizens Confidential Unit within five days after receipt.

### B. Chief of Police.

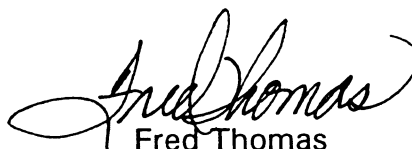
The Chief of Police shall:

1. Review the reward committees' recommendations and make a determination on the amount of the citizen reward.
2. Forward the approved recommendation to the Director, Finance and Budget Division, for disbursement of funds.

### C. Finance and Budget Division.

The Director, Finance and Budget Division shall:

1. Upon receipt of the approved package from the Chief of Police, notify the citizen of his/her reward and determine how the citizen wishes to receive their payment.
2. Notify the Chairperson of the applicable reward committee of any citizen who does not wish to come to the department to receive the reward, and ensure that alternative arrangements for payment are made.

  
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