



GENERAL ORDER



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SUBJECT:

Requests From Other Agencies or Jurisdictions for the Assistance of Department Helicopters

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The purpose of this order is to establish basic guidelines governing requests for departmental helicopter assistance from other agencies or jurisdictions. This order consists of the following part:

PART I Responsibilities and Procedures for Supervisory and Command Personnel

PART I

A. General.

It shall be noted that every exigency cannot be anticipated by directives and that common sense must be a part of the decision making process. However, the basic policy established by this order shall serve to guide response to unique or unusual situations.

B. Emergency Requests.

Emergency requests for assistance requiring immediate response shall be made and considered in conformity with the guidelines established below:

1. Requests shall be considered if made by:

a. An agency of the Federal Government.

b. The local public safety agency having primary jurisdiction within any proposed area of operation.

2. The request must be for law enforcement or humanitarian purposes.

3. Requests must be made by the person then in command of the requesting agency or department.

C. Non-emergency Requests.

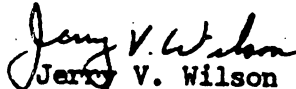
Non-emergency requests for helicopter assistance shall be made to the Chief of Police, in writing, by the person in charge or command of the requesting agency or department.

D. Authority and Responsibility.

1. The Commanding Officer, Helicopter Branch, shall initially receive and evaluate emergency requests for helicopter assistance according to the provisions of this order; referring the requests for appropriate approval if, in his opinion, the request is justified.

2. Approval authority for helicopter assistance shall be as listed below, in the order indicated:

- a. The Chief of Police
- b. Field Operations Officer
- c. Commander, Special Operations Division
- d. Official in charge of the department during other than normal business hours.


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