



SPECIAL ORDER



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SUBJECT  Procedures for Conducting Joint Law Enforcement Operations	DISTRIBUTION A		
	ORIGINATING UNIT PDD		
	EXPIRATION DATE *		

The purpose of this Special Order is to establish policy and procedures for sworn members when responding to requests for participation and/or continued participation in joint law enforcement operations of a major or sensitive nature with other law enforcement agencies (e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Park Police, Prince George's County Police, etc.). It shall be the policy of the department that no member shall participate, or continue to participate, in an investigation/operation, without the prior approval of the Chief of Police, once it becomes evident that the investigation/operation is a joint operation as defined below.

Historically, this department has maintained, and will continue to maintain, a working relationship with other law enforcement agencies through a network which may involve the exchange of information, logistical support, manpower, and material resources. This mutual cooperation between agencies enables us to function as a single entity, enhancing the likelihood that a joint law enforcement operation will result in a successful conclusion.

A. Definition.

For the purposes of this order, joint law enforcement operations shall mean:

Any significant or sensitive investigation or cooperative operation with another law enforcement agency which requires an outlay of logistical support, manpower, or material resources.

1. It does not mean the usual and customary exchange of information between this department and other law enforcement agencies, or the service of warrants in cooperation with other agencies if the service does not involve a prior joint operation.
2. The term "significant" shall be construed to mean a joint law enforcement operation which requires the utilization of two (2) or more man days, or what the commanding officer considers to be a significant outlay of logistical support or material resources.
3. Any joint law enforcement operation that is considered to be of such a sensitive nature that the commanding officer should bring to the attention of the Chief of Police is included in this definition.

B. Members.

1. Members who receive requests to participate in joint law enforcement operations, shall:

- a. Advise his/her commanding officer, through channels, of the request, as soon as possible.
- b. Follow the instructions provided by the commanding officer.

2. Should a member have any question about whether or not he/she should seek approval to participate with another law enforcement agency in an operation, he/she shall seek guidance from his/her supervisor.

C. Supervisors.

Supervisors shall provide guidance to the members concerning the requirement of this order and shall resolve all doubts by referring the matter to the commanding officer.

D. Commanding Officers.

Commanding officers shall:

1. Give instructions to subordinates who have referred a request to participate in a joint law enforcement operation with another agency.
2. Consult with their bureau head for guidance and instruction when they believe that a request to participate in a joint law enforcement operation with another agency may fall within the meaning of this order.
3. Ensure that all requests to participate in a joint law enforcement operation with another agency that do fall within the meaning of this order are submitted in writing, through the chain of command, to the Chief of Police, as soon as possible.

E. Bureau Heads.

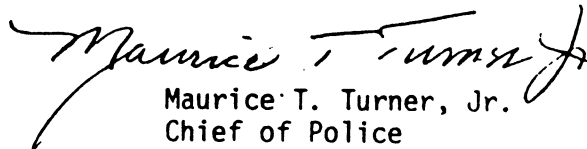
Bureau Heads shall:

1. Provide guidance and instructions to members under their command regarding requests for assistance when a joint venture is applicable under the provisions of this order.
2. Forward, with recommendations, all written requests for joint law enforcement operations submitted to the Chief of Police by members of their command.

F. Guidance Concerning Current Joint Law Enforcement Operations.

Members who, prior to the effective date of this order, were participating in a cooperative operation with other law enforcement agencies shall be guided by the provisions of this order. Participation with the outside agency shall not be discontinued; however, if applicable, a written request to continue participation in the cooperative operation shall be submitted, in writing, to the Chief of Police as provided in this order.

\*This Special Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded.

  
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