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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE****Index as:**

Drug Operations

Joint Enforcement Operations

**DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF JOINT DEPARTMENTAL AND NARCOTIC
UNITS OPERATIONS****479.00 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish a policy addressing the issue of direction and control of joint departmental and narcotic unit's operations.

479.01 DEFINITION

“Narcotic Unit” any law enforcement unit with the authority to enforce any federal, state, county or local ordinance related to controlled substances.

479.02 OFFICER’S RESPONSIBILITY

When any officer of the department is contacted by a narcotic unit's agent and requested to assist in making an arrest, conducting a search or serving a warrant, he will immediately notify his immediate supervisor of the request prior to taking any action. This procedure is not required if an officer is dispatched to, or happens upon an agent who is in need of immediate assistance and a delay would endanger the safety of the agent or other persons.

479.03 SUPERVISOR’S RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Upon notification of a narcotic unit agent's request for assistance, in cases where delay would not jeopardize the safety of the agent or other persons, the supervisor will meet with the agent and ascertain the details of the request. If the request does not require the deployment of department personnel in a position in which their safety is at risk (i.e. building entry, raid, high risk buy/bust arrest attempts, etc.) the supervisor will provide department assistance to the agent if department resources are available. When the patrol supervisor is notified he should contact the detective bureau supervisor or commander and advise him of the narcotics unit operation.
- B. If the request would require the placing of department personnel at risk or would require the deployment of more personnel or resources than are under the supervisor's control, he will immediately notify the Watch Commander.

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479.03 WATCH COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- A. Upon notification of a narcotic unit's request for assistance, in cases where delay would not jeopardize the safety of an agent or other persons, the watch commander will meet with the agent-in-charge and coordinate the use of department personnel and resources.
- B. The narcotic unit agent-in-charge is responsible for planning the operation, briefing and directing all personnel involved. This includes department personnel as well as narcotic unit personnel.
- C. The watch commander is responsible for ensuring that adequate communications, briefing and equipment are provided to all personnel to accomplish the mission. In addition, the watch commander will coordinate department operations so that other department units do not interfere with the narcotic unit's operation. The communication section will be informed by the watch commander of the location and general scope of the operation before or at the time of the operation so that citizen's calls that might be created by the operation are handled properly.
- D. Watch commanders will advise all department personnel of the importance of not revealing the operation to others through word of mouth or radio transmissions that may be intercepted.
- E. If in the opinion of the watch commander, there does not exist adequate planning, equipment, manpower, communications, briefing, delineation of duties or other resources to fulfill the narcotic unit's request in a safe manner, he may refuse to provide department assistance.
- F. Every effort should be made to meet the request and full cooperation extended. However, the watch commander or the ranking commander in charge may refuse to support the narcotic unit operation if he believes that the safety of department personnel or others would be unreasonably endangered or that the operation is improper or illegal.

By order of:



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