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RADIOS/RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**623.00 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish a written directive that requires the Ferguson Police Department provide multi-channel radios, both mobile and portable allowing two-way operation on joint law enforcement frequencies. As well as establish procedures for radio communications to and from patrol officers and specifies those circumstances requiring such communication by patrol officers.

623.01 POLICY

It is the purpose of this policy to provide continuous radio communication with other law enforcement agencies and each officer of the Ferguson Police Department.

623.02 PROCEDURE

During emergency situations, the Ferguson Police Department has the capability to maintain continuous radio communication with other law enforcement organizations and to enable the proper coordination and deployment during extraordinary circumstances.

The Ferguson Police Department's Communications Center Base Radio Station has four radio channels: 1. Main Transmitting Channel, 2. Back-up Transmitting Channel, 3. Point-to-Point Channel, 3. St. Louis County Radio Channel.

Every police vehicle is equipped with a mobile multi-channel radio allowing two-way operation to the base station, other officers and joint law enforcement frequencies.

Radio communications is a necessity for patrol officers. Operations are more efficient and effective and officer safety is enhanced, when dispatchers, supervisors, and fellow officers know the status of officers, their locations, and the nature of the case, call, or incident they are responding to.

Each commissioned Ferguson Police Officer is assigned a portable walkie-talkie equipped with an emergency alert button for exigent circumstances and multiple channels. Officers shall utilize the radio to call out on traffic stops and pedestrian checks giving their location, description of vehicle and pedestrians and circumstances of the stop should be relayed prior

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to acting. For additional information *see G.O. 482 Stopping and Approaching Traffic Violators* and *G.O. 600.00 Radio Procedures*.

623.03 RADIO REPAIR

If an officer discovers a malfunction of his portable walkie-talkie, the officer should immediately notify their supervisor, tag the walkie-talkie describing the problem and arrange delivery to the communications supervisor. The supervisor should generate an e-mail to the communication's supervisor detailing the problem. The communication's supervisor will provide a replacement walkie-talkie and arrange for the repair of the malfunctioning equipment.

If an officer discovers a malfunction of a police vehicle's mobile radio, the officer should immediately report it to his supervisor and transport it to the Ferguson City Garage where maintenance will have the radio repaired. The supervisor shall generate an e-mail to the Ferguson City Garage advising of the circumstances regarding the mobile radio. A copy of the e-mail should be sent to the Commander of the Division of Field Operations.

623.04 PORTABLE RADIOS

The supervisor of Communications will maintain custody of all logs regarding portable radios. Each portable radio must be accurately logged regarding possession by the officers. The portable radios are entered into the base radio by number and name in regard to emergency activation.

By order of:



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