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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: ASSIGNING CALLS FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS			
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1.0 Policy

1.1 The philosophy of a Community Service Officer (CSO) program is to relieve sworn peace officers from some of the necessary but everyday tasks often required. Community service officers <u>do not</u> have peace officer powers and are not armed.

1.2 CSO's can assume some of the time consuming repetitive tasks, enforce municipal codes and provide a visible deterrent to law violations, and at the same time help serve as eyes and ears for law enforcement.

1.3 By relieving patrol officers from some of the tasks mentioned above CSO's allow patrol officers to spend more time pursuing criminal violations.

2.0 Procedure

2.1 Dispatchers will assign CSO's to calls as appropriate in the individual agencies.

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