



## COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S SERVICE CHANNEL IMPLEMENTATION

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## **Implementation**

NetCom and the Sheriff's Office have agreed to implement a Sheriff's service channel on Friday and Saturday nights beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The service channel will be in effect from 1800 hours through 0100 hours on the Sheriff's Red Channel. In accordance with Policy No. 4362 (Use of Service Channels), a service channel will always be implemented as scheduled, unless the onduty NetCom Supervisor and the Sheriff's Office Watch Commander mutually agree to cancel or terminate the operation.

During the hours of service channel operation, the Red Channel, NetCom will staff the service channel with a primary dispatcher who is dedicated to that channel.

During the hours of service channel operation, NetCom dispatchers and Sheriff's Office field personnel will conduct all radio traffic and activities on the service channel in strict accordance with Policy Number No. 4362 (Use of Service Channels).

The Sheriff's Blue channel will remain as the primary dispatch channel.

## **Activation and Deactivation**

When the Sheriff's Red channel is activated as a service channel, NetCom dispatchers will broadcast a single alert tone on both the primary (Blue) and service (Red) channels and announce "Attention all units, the Red Channel is now in operation as your service channel; units, go ahead". Dispatchers will obtain an acknowledgment from each field unit, including the field supervisor(s). At the end of the service channel activation, NetCom dispatchers will broadcast a single alert tone and announce "Attention all units, the Red Channel is now terminated as your service channel, no need to acknowledge. (Sign off with time)".