



## COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGES FOR PERSONNEL

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## 1.0 Policy

Because of the 24/7 nature of the Communications Center, dispatchers will occasionally receive messages for User Agency personnel.

## 2.0 Procedure

- 2.1 When receiving messages for on-duty field personnel, dispatchers will create computer aided dispatch system (CAD) incidents using the "message" incident type and obtain the following minimum information:
  - Name of calling party
  - Calling party's telephone number.
  - Nature of message.
  - Some indication of the urgency of the call.
- 2.2 When receiving messages for officers in the field, notify officers by radio or mobile data computer (MDC). Use discretion.
- 2.3 Refer messages for off-duty personnel to the appropriate phone number (or voice mail).

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2.4 If patrol personnel call to report they are unable to report for duty, dispatchers will create "message" details, including call-back numbers of the deputies or officers for immediate dispatch to on-duty field supervisors.

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