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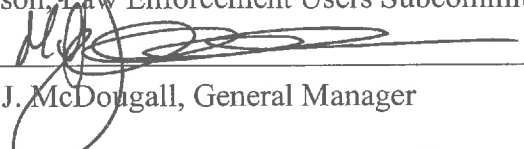
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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Section:	4600 – Notifications and Call-Out Procedures	Date Revised:	February 11, 2008
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SUBJECT: CANINE UNITS			
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1.0 Policy

Some agencies have specialized canine units which can be useful in a variety of law enforcement details and/or tasks. These units can be deployed within routine patrol operations or available on an “as-needed” basis.

When handling requests for canine units, it may be helpful for dispatchers to know that canine units are most effective in the following situations:

- ◆ Building searches
- ◆ Searches for lost children or missing adults
- ◆ Searches for suspects or evidence
- ◆ Disaster scene searches
- ◆ Narcotic searches (if the canine is qualified)
- ◆ Personnel protection at crowd control incidents
- ◆ Fleeing felony suspects
- ◆ Trailing vehicle pursuits
- ◆ Tracking subjects

Dispatchers will handle requests for canine units in accordance with the following procedures and in accordance with Policy No. 4935; Assist Outside Department (AOD).

2.0 Procedure

On-duty canine units:

When requesting AOD from an allied agency for an on-duty canine unit, dispatchers will first obtain the patrol supervisor's approval, both from the requesting agency and the assisting agency. When requested, dispatchers should be prepared to provide the following information to the assisting agency:

- ◆ Type of call and if it's a misdemeanor or felony
- ◆ Location of call
- ◆ Time of call and time element
- ◆ Requesting agency's name
- ◆ Type of perimeter established

Off-duty canine units:

When requesting AOD from an allied agency for an off-duty canine unit, dispatchers will first obtain the patrol supervisor's approval and direction for what specific agency (or agencies) should be contacted. The dispatcher should then contact the assisting agency's on-duty supervisor for approval of an off-duty call-out.

A confirming CLETS Administrative message is required for all AOD requests of "specialized assets", including a canine unit. The CLETS message should be completed as soon as possible following the dispatch of the canine unit using the following protocols:

During business hours, and at all times for the SO, dispatchers should contact the Records Section of the requesting agency and request that they send a message to the assisting agency.

After hours, dispatchers should create the message for the requesting agency (except the SO) and send the message to the assisting agency.