



**COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL CAMPING	
APPROVED:	_____
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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear and consistent guidelines for processing reports of illegal camping and thus assist in the consistent enforcement of local camping ordinances.

2.0 Prohibited Camping

- 2.1 Camping is prohibited on public or private property unless specifically permitted by city or county ordinance.
- 2.2 Camping is regulated by each jurisdiction’s ordinance. Dispatchers should not attempt to determine legal vs. illegal activities, but should create a call and let the responding officers do so.

3.0 Procedure

- 3.1 For reports of illegal camping, dispatchers will use the most appropriate incident type and obtain the following information:
 - Location of the vehicle/subject
 - Description of the vehicle/subject including the license plate number

- Number and description of the occupants
- Why the RP feels that the persons are camping or about to set up a camp

3.2 If given, dispatchers will run the license plate, attach the query to the computer aided dispatch system (CAD) detail, and if the vehicle has been reported stolen, use the incident type for a stolen vehicle.