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SUBJECT: Inter-District Response To Priority One Calls

MESSAGE:

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The concept for inter-district beat response to Priority One calls for service has been sanctioned by the senior command staff. The premise is to direct patrol beats which border a long district boundaries to respond to Priority One calls in adjacent district beats when available. The intent is to render a more effective and efficient response to calls for service which pose a serious threat to life and/or property, and to make apprehensions, secure crime scenes, direct traffic and provide first responder assistance to injured subjects until arrival of a beat officer from within the affected district.

Officers assisting outside of his/her own district will provide assistance until the situation is under control and sufficient units from the affected district have arrived on location to handle the incident and complete any necessary investigations and/or reports.

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All patrol beats, including the overlap beats when assigned, which are contiguous to other districts may be dispatched to respond to any Priority One call for service.

Response tables in CAD have been built to recommend inter-district beats based on geographical proximity to specific community codes along district boundaries.

However, CAD response tables may not always recommend the adjacent inter-district beat, therefore, it is imperative that dispatchers remember to inquire of other dispatchers the availability of adjacent inter-district beat officers.

When an inter-district beat officer is recommended by CAD and/or is available to respond, the officer's dispatcher will notify the officer to switch his/her radio to the district to which he/she is to respond for the Priority One call for service.

Furthermore, supervisory permission is not required to dispatch an officer to an adjacent inter-district beat, however, after the officer has been dispatched, the dispatcher must notify the supervisor to keep him/her informed of the officer's activity.