POLICY

There are statutes in place that provide the Racine Police Department with the necessary authority to assist other agencies in the area without exposing ourselves unduly to civil liability or criminal action. The Racine Police Department will provide services as may be required to another law enforcement agency in situations where an emergency exists, life or property is in serious jeopardy, or where it is reported as such.

WI Statute 66.0313(2) - Upon the request of any law enforcement agency, including county law enforcement agencies as provided in s. 59.28 (2), the law enforcement personnel of any other law enforcement agency may assist the requesting agency within the latter's jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other jurisdictional provision. For purposes of ss. 895.35 and 895.46, law enforcement personnel, while acting in response to a request for assistance, shall be deemed employees of the requesting agency.

Other forms of providing assistance include, but are not limited to, Crime Information Bulletins, Photographs, Images, Criminal Intelligence, etc. If providing non-emergency crime information, images, bulletins, etc. requests shall be forwarded to the Shift Commander for approval.

PROCEDURE

SHIFT COMMANDER

1. Review the request to determine the duration and extent of resources necessary to fill the request. Under most circumstances, the approval may be granted at this level without further notifications.
2. When the assistance exceeds two hours, have a supervisor evaluate the need for continued support.
3. Under the following circumstances, Acting Shift Commanders (Sergeants), should contact the Division Commander - Patrol:
   a. If there appears to be a need for continued support exceeding two hours.
   b. If the mutual aid results in the commitment of long-term resources and requires overtime.
   c. If the request involves the use of special teams (SWAT, Major Crimes, CNT, etc…).
   d. If he or she feels the situation warrants higher authority approval for the commitment of additional or extended resources.
5. Initiate the notification process as required under Procedure #212 (Reporting of Major, Unusual, or Noteworthy Occurrences) for any events that fall into the covered categories.

DIVISION COMMANDER – PATROL

1. Provide input as requested by the Shift Commander to ensure the successful completion of the assistance request.
2. Approve or deny the requested assistance.
3. If the approval is for special teams, direct the Acting Shift Commander to contact the Chief of Police for his or her approval per Policy & Procedure.
NOTE

This policy does not cover SMART call ups. See Policy 701 for SMART protocols.

RELATED PROCEDURES

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1900 – Responding to Calls for Service