

Patrol Function

400.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the functions of the patrol unit of the Office to ensure intra-organizational cooperation and information sharing.

400.1.1 FUNCTION

Deputies will generally patrol in clearly marked vehicles. They will patrol assigned jurisdictional areas of Dodge County, identify community needs, provide support and assistance to the community, respond to calls for assistance, act as a deterrent to crime, enforce state and local laws and respond to emergencies 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Patrol will generally provide services within the limits of available resources. These include:

- (a) Patrol that is directed at the prevention of criminal acts, traffic violations and crashes, the maintenance of public order and the discovery of hazardous situations or conditions.
- (b) Crime prevention activities, such as residential inspections, business inspections and community presentations.
- (c) Calls for service, both routine and emergency.
- (d) Investigation of both criminal and non-criminal acts.
- (e) The apprehension of criminal offenders.
- (f) Community Oriented Policing and problem-solving activities, such as citizen assists and individual citizen contacts of a positive nature.
- (g) The sharing of information between the patrol and other divisions within the Office, as well as other government agencies.
- (h) The application of resources to specific problems or situations within the community that may be improved or resolved by Community Oriented Policing and problem-solving strategies.
- (i) Traffic direction and control.
- (j) Response to disasters, civic unrest and natural emergencies.
- (k) Assist in the service of civil papers.

400.1.2 TERRORISM

It is the goal of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office to make every reasonable effort to accurately and appropriately gather and report any information that may relate to either foreign or domestic terrorism. Deputies should advise a supervisor as soon as practicable of any activity believed to be terrorism related and should document such incidents with a written report or Field Interview (FI).

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The supervisor should ensure that all terrorism-related reports and FIs are forwarded to the Criminal Investigations supervisor in a timely fashion.

The Criminal Investigations supervisor shall review all terrorism-related reports as soon as practicable and contact the Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center (WSIC), the Wisconsin Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) or the Southeastern Wisconsin Terrorism Alert Center (STAC) when there is a reasonable suspicion that a terrorist threat exists.

400.2 PATROL INFORMATION SHARING PROCEDURES

The following guidelines are intended to develop and maintain intra-organizational cooperation and information flow between the various divisions of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

400.2.1 CRIME REPORTS

A crime report may be completed by any patrol deputy who receives criminal information. The report will be processed and forwarded to the appropriate bureau for retention or follow-up investigation.

400.2.2 PATROL BRIEFINGS

Patrol supervisors, investigative supervisors and special unit supervisors are encouraged to share information as much as reasonably possible. All supervisors and/or deputies will be provided an opportunity to share information through, email, briefings, or other means as available.

400.3 CROWDS, EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Deputies may encounter gatherings of people, including but not limited to, civil demonstrations, civic, social and business events, public displays, parades and sporting events. Deputies should monitor such events as time permits in an effort to keep the peace and protect the safety and rights of those present. A patrol supervisor should be notified when it becomes reasonably foreseeable that such an event may require increased monitoring, contact or intervention.

Deputies responding to an event or gathering that warrants law enforcement involvement should carefully balance the speech and association rights of those present with applicable public safety concerns before taking enforcement action. Deputies are encouraged to contact organizers or responsible persons to seek voluntary compliance that may address relevant public safety/order concerns.

Deputies should consider enforcement of applicable state and local laws when the activity blocks the entrance or egress of a facility or location and when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.