

GENERAL ORDER, OPERATIONS, NUMBER 15
APRIL 3, 2001
WATERLOO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. SUBJECT:

Directed Patrol

B. PURPOSE:

To effectively and efficiently deploy available resources based on crime analysis information to control the level of specific criminal activity, increase criminal apprehensions and establish a high level of community satisfaction with the delivery of Department services.

C. POLICY:

To accomplish the above purpose it shall be the policy of the Department that the following procedures be used to deploy a directed patrol activity when crime analysis information indicates that specific patterns exist pertaining to targeted criminal activity within the community.

D. PROCEDURES:

1. Directed patrol activities shall be implemented when crime analysis information indicates that specific patterns exist pertaining to targeted criminal activity and that a directed patrol deployment is appropriate.
2. During directed patrol deployment, the patrol area boundaries and grids shall be maintained for reporting purposes.
3. Officers shall be assigned to either directed patrol activities or to specific areas for response to calls for service including the areas vacated by the officers assigned to directed patrol duties.
4. Officers assigned to a directed patrol activity shall not be assigned calls for service except in the event of an emergency and/or with the approval of the Watch Commander.
5. Upon receipt of crime analysis information indicating that directed patrol deployment is appropriate concerning a targeted criminal activity, the Watch Commander shall:
 - a. Determine the type of directed patrol deployment necessary and the duties of the assigned officer(s).

- b. The number of officers to assigned directed patrol duties.
 - c. The time period involved.
 - d. The boundaries of the directed patrol activity.
 - e. The officer reassignment necessary to cover calls for service during the directed patrol activity.
6. The Watch Commander shall complete a "Directed Patrol Report" form detailing the following information.
- a. Date of deployment.
 - b. Time span of deployment.
 - c. Officer(s) assigned to directed patrol duties.
 - d. Officer(s) assigned to cover calls for service in the patrol areas normally patrolled by officers assigned to directed patrol duties.
 - e. Targeted criminal activity.
 - f. Location and boundaries of the directed patrol assignment.
 - g. Crime analysis information available pertaining to the targeted criminal activity.
 - h. Specific duties to be accomplished by the assigned officer(s).
 - i. Watch Commander's signature.
7. A copy of the Directed Patrol Report form shall be distributed to the following employees.
- a. Each officer assigned to directed patrol duties.
 - b. Street supervisor(s)
 - c. Communications employees.
8. Officers assigned to directed patrol duties shall become familiar with and follow the directed assignments as specified on the Directed Patrol Report form prepared and issued by the Watch Commander.

9. The narrative section of the Directed Patrol Report shall be completed and submitted daily to the Watch Commander. This section shall include the following information.
 - a. Any information pertinent to the directed patrol assignment or targeted criminal activity.
 - b. Any comments and/or suggestions related to the implementation of the specific directed patrol assignment that would be useful in future assignments, planning and analysis.
 - c. Officers shall sign the Directed Patrol Report in the space provided.
10. The Watch Commander shall review and evaluate the Directed Patrol Report daily and sign the same after assuring that complete and accurate information is contained thereon.
11. The Watch Commander shall route the completed and signed Directed Patrol Report as follows:
 - a. Original to the Division Commander.

BY ORDER OF:

Thomas J. Jennings
Chief of Police