

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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I. Purpose

To provide procedures for cooperation and coordinating between special operations and other operational components during unusual occurrences and adverse situations. The intent of this policy is to alleviate potential misunderstanding among all components, to provide for officer safety, and to ensure the success of the operation.

II. Definitions

SPECIAL OPERATIONS – Any operation that deals with unusual occurrences or other situations requiring coordinated preparation. Incidents requiring ESU notification, undercover/stakeout operations, multiple law enforcement agency assistance, or emergency management assistance are considered special operations.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL – Those officers assigned to a special component including the ESU or the Special Operations unit. It also refers to those officers selected for special operations such as undercover operations, stakeouts, or decoy operations.

III. Statement of Policy

- A. The Chief of Police has the responsibility for coordinating special operations activities in any situation requiring the unified efforts of the department and special operation personnel.
- B. Coordinating of activity between special operations and department personnel may include pre-situational planning such as attendance at roll call, the notification to command officers of undercover/ stakeout or decoy operations.

- C. Situational planning may include the establishment of a command post, perimeter setup, and information dissemination. Situational planning shall be in accordance with procedures established in emergency operation procedures E005 – E045.

This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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