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PURPOSE & POLICY

Individual law enforcement agencies within Dane County, and specifically those contiguous to the City of Middleton or having concurrent jurisdiction with that of the Middleton Police Department, share the goal of providing efficient, high quality police services to the communities served during both emergency and non-emergency situations. In recognition that this agency, as well as adjacent jurisdictions, each have a finite amount of resources with which to handle multi-various situations, it shall be the policy of the Middleton Police Department to assist with requests for mutual aid in order to strengthen the ability of all to respond to emergency situations.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and direction to sworn personnel of the City of Middleton Police Department upon receiving a request for mutual aid from a jurisdiction outside the City of Middleton. Mutual Aid is an exchange of services, personnel, and/or equipment between law enforcement agencies during times of emergency.

Section [66.0313](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes states that: Upon the request of any law enforcement agency, ...the law enforcement personnel of any other jurisdiction may assist the requesting agency within the latter's jurisdiction, notwithstanding any other jurisdictional provision.

PROCEDURES

General Procedures

- A. The Chief of Police may enter into formal or informal agreements with other Dane County law enforcement agencies for the purpose of sharing resources or lending assistance. Mutual aid agreements or cooperative law enforcement agreements between the department and agencies outside of Dane County shall be in writing and a copy maintained by administrative personnel.
- B. In situations that are anticipated, requests for mutual aid shall be forwarded in a timely fashion through the chain of command to, and approved by, the Operations Captain or Chief.
- C. In back-up and emergency situations, upon request of another jurisdiction or the Dane County 9-1-1 Center, and approval of the MIPD Shift Commander, Middleton Police Personnel may be dispatched into another jurisdiction without delay, pending stabilization of the situation. (Emergency situations include actual or potential conditions that pose an immediate threat to life or property.)
- D. If the Shift Commander grants a mutual aid request, and that request involves the call out of additional personnel, specialized units, or specialized equipment, the Shift Commander shall promptly notify the Operations Captain or, if unreachable, the next highest-ranking officers.
- E. For any mutual aid request, the Shift Commander should give consideration to the following issues before granting the approval:
 - 1. The nature of the request.
 - 2. The exact location of the problem.
 - 3. The measures taken by the requesting jurisdiction to bring this situation under control, and why they have proven insufficient. The requesting jurisdiction is responsible for providing sufficient information to determine the level of assistance that may be required.
 - 4. The estimated number of personnel needed, projected time requirement, amount of equipment, or the need for special units that will be necessary to bring the situation under control.
 - 5. The impact on our department, and our ability to meet the emergency service demands within our jurisdiction, if our resources are dedicated to the request.
- F. A Shift Commander may deny or delay a request for mutual aid assistance outside the City of Middleton if the request is likely to seriously impair police services to the City of Middleton and its residents or visitors. Additionally, the Shift Commander may withdraw resources (personnel, equipment, and/or specialized units) where circumstances require redeployment within the City of Middleton.
- G. Area Law Enforcement Agencies have mutual aid policies similar to MIPD. Therefore, when MIPD requests mutual aid from another agency, anticipate similar protocol, information requirements, response, and procedures.

Scene Responsibility For Emergency Calls

- A. The designated supervisor of the requesting agency shall be in charge at the emergency site. All MIPD personnel shall follow his/her lawful orders. However, when taking any law enforcement actions, including the use of force, in the requesting jurisdiction, Middleton

Police Personnel shall at all times adhere to the Policies, Procedures and Regulations of the Middleton Police Department. Middleton Police Personnel will use only those weapons and tactics in which they have been trained, and with which they have qualified, and will do so only in the manner consistent with that training and qualification.

- B. Where the provided mutual assistance involves the loan of a specialized unit, the commander of that specialized unit shall be responsible for the tactical implementation of the mission to be accomplished, as determined and directed by the field commander of the requesting agency.
- C. Officers on loan from the City of Middleton to another jurisdiction in an emergency shall regularly appraise dispatch on information pertaining to the continued status of the emergency, line-of-duty injuries, or need for relief.
- D. City of Middleton officers providing mutual aid shall take only those law enforcement actions or make arrests that are directly related to the emergency situation, and shall assist in the preliminary processing of arrestees as follows:
 - 1. Identification of arrestees;
 - 2. Control of property obtained from arrestees;
 - 3. Completion of arrest and reporting documents;
 - 4. Transportation of arrestees; and
 - 5. Court duty.

Supervisory Coverage

In the event that there is not a supervisor available from the requesting agency in a significant incident, MIPD Personnel will request that a supervisor from either the requesting agency or the Dane County Sheriff's Department respond as soon as possible.

Scene Responsibility For Primary Calls

City of Middleton officers responding to a request for mutual aid in a "primary" capacity, in another jurisdiction, will secure the scene with special attention to the safety of citizens and preservation of evidence. MIPD Personnel will remain on the scene until relieved by the requesting agency or the Dane County Sheriff's Department. MIPD Personnel will not take the primary investigation outside the city limits, unless authorized by the Shift Commander.

Scene Responsibility For Routine Calls

City of Middleton officers responding to the request for mutual aid in a "back-up" capacity on routine calls will assist as needed until the call is completed or until they are relieved by the requesting agency or the Dane County Sheriff's Department.

These guidelines do not prohibit individual officers from providing routine assistance and/or back up, as they deem necessary, in or near their assigned patrol area. For example, an officer may check on an officer making a stop just outside of the City.

Response to Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Incidents

Upon determining the need for a multi-channel broadcasting of medical related calls where an A.E.D. device may be needed, the 911 Center will activate the alert tones, followed by the dispatcher advising listening units that E.M.S. personnel are responding to a specific location where an A.E.D. device might be necessary. Middleton Police Personnel, who are trained and equipped with an A.E.D device, may elect to provide an emergency response upon hearing such a call only after giving consideration to:

- A. Familiarity with the location of the reported A.E.D. call.
- B. The estimated travel time to the location from the officer's present position when considering distance, time of day and traffic conditions.
- C. Can the present activity or call be safely interrupted to permit an A.E.D. response?
- D. What patrol resources will remain available for the City of Middleton emergency and priority calls if the A.E.D. response is made?
- E. What are the relative locations of other A.E.D. equipped responding units?

Upon deciding to provide an emergency response to an A.E.D. call, Middleton Police Personnel shall advise the 9-1-1 Center dispatcher with their present location and estimated time of arrival. Middleton Police Personnel providing an A.E.D. response should proceed with extra caution as other emergency sirens from responding E.M.S. vehicles or other A.E.D. equipped police vehicles (State Patrol, Dane County Sheriff, etc.), who may be responding as well, will not be audible from a vehicle with a siren activated. MIPD Emergency Vehicle Operation Policy shall be strictly adhered to by Middleton Police Personnel providing an A.E.D. response within or outside the City of Middleton. Dane County 911 dispatchers will attempt, whenever possible, to provide responding officers with information to assist in the decision making process. Dane County 911 dispatchers will advise Middleton Police Personnel responding to an A.E.D. call when another A.E.D. equipped unit arrives on location. Middleton Police Personnel should return to service as soon as it can be determined that their assistance is no longer necessary.

Reimbursement for Police Services Rendered to Outside Jurisdictions

Section [66.0513](#) of the Wisconsin Statutes addresses issues of compensation for police services provided to outside jurisdictions:

Section 66.0513 "Police pay when acting outside county or municipality. (1) Any police, sheriff, deputy sheriff, county traffic or other peace officer of any city, county, village or town, who is required by command of the governor, sheriff or other superior authority to maintain the peace, or who responds to the request of the authorities of another municipality, to perform police or peace duties outside the territorial limits of the city, county, village or town where the officer is employed, is entitled to the same wage, salary, pension, worker's compensation, and all other service rights for this service as for service rendered within the limits of the city, county, village or town where regularly employed. (2) All wage and disability payments, pension and worker's compensation claims, damage to equipment and clothing, and medical expense arising under sub. (1) Shall be paid by the city, county, village or town regularly employing the officer. Upon making payment the city, county, village or town shall be reimbursed by the state, county or other political

subdivision whose officer or agent commanded the services out of which the payments arose.”

The primary backup responsibilities for police or peace duties to all jurisdictions within Dane County rest with the Dane County Sheriff's Office. However, the policy of the Middleton Police Department is to recognize that providing routine backup, and/or responding to minor assists, and/or assuring officer safety is part of being a good neighbor. Reimbursement for police services provided to outside jurisdictions may, however, be pursued for the provision of services which are extraordinary in nature, require a significant deployment of personnel resources, utilize personnel resources for an extended period of time, or, which are deemed an abuse of the “good neighbor” backup/assist policy.