

GENERAL ORDER 41.1.1

Patrol Component

GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.

SUMMARY

Defines the responsibilities of the Patrol Bureau.

DISCUSSION

None.

POLICY

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The goals of the Springfield Police Department are protection of constitutional rights, life and property, maintenance of public order, facilitation of community problem solving and prevention activities, prevention and deterrence of crime, apprehension of offenders, recovery and return of property, orderly movement of traffic, and public service.

The Division Bureau performs functions mandated by law and community standards. These functions include:

1. Patrol directed at the prevention of criminal acts, the maintenance of public order, vehicle related violations (including accidents), and the discovery of hazardous situations.
2. Investigation and enforcement to determine compliance with State statutes and City ordinances.
3. Crime prevention activities including community talks, demonstrations and personal contacts by officers.
4. Response to calls for service on a 24 hour basis.
5. Response to community caretaking and non-criminal public safety concerns.
6. The arrest of criminal offenders.

7. Community relations including participation in group activities within the community. This includes citizen assists and individual citizen contacts.

8. The sharing of information between Department Divisions, as well as other government agencies.

9. Directed patrol to resolve community problems or situations.

II

To facilitate information sharing, the Department provides the following:

1. Briefing boards which include: crime information, wanted persons, hot sheets, officer safety information, operational procedures, special event or incident information, and other information valuable to officers.

2. A briefing period prior to each patrol shift. Each briefing includes information from the briefing boards, Crime Analysis and other information.

3. Following major incidents a debriefing shall be held including all involved personnel to review performance.

4. Patrol sergeants will regularly meet to discuss issues affecting the function of the Patrol Division .

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