# **GENERAL ORDER 42.4.1**

## **Investigative Task Forces**

#### GENERAL ORDER CROSS-REFERENCE: None.

## **SUMMARY**

Describes investigative task forces.

#### **DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **POLICY**

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It is the Investigation & Records Division commander's responsibility to develop and direct inter-agency and intra-agency investigative task forces. Consideration shall be given to available manpower, nature of criminal activity, probability of successful prosecution, and availability of funds. Any written agreements that are entered into relating to an investigative task force shall be maintained with the Office of the Chief and a copy retained by the Division Commander.

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All task force members shall be accountable to the Investigations supervisor, informing him of their activities and the overall activities of the task force. The accountability will enable the Investigations Supervisor to evaluate overall effectiveness of the operation and develop additional investigative plans.

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The Investigations supervisor will take every available step to record and report monetary expenditures used during investigations. This will assist in determining if further Departmental funds are sufficient or whether specialized funding sources are necessary. The Investigations supervisor shall advise the Division Commander of any special funding, equipment or manpower needs that may be required for the investigation. The supervisor should consider the use of a payroll Activity Code for the purpose of tracking personnel overtime costs for the use of an Investigative Task Force.

The use of a task force will not be limited to certain types of crime. Task forces may be implemented on any criminal investigation, based upon frequency, scope and jurisdictional boundary. The Investigation & Records Division Commander shall be responsible for evaluating the results of task forces and the continued necessity for any given task force.

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