

RESPONSE POLICY: CODES AND DEFINITIONS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide police officers with response policy codes and definitions.

II. POLICY

Upon notification of an incident, the officer must make a determination as to the type of complaint received and immediately employ a proper response code.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Code One: Routine assignments usually not requiring an immediate response.
- B. Code Two: Assignments requiring an immediate response.
- C. Code Three: Emergency assignments requiring an urgent response.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Code One:
 - 1. No emergency equipment, obey posted speed limits and all traffic regulations.
 - 2. Response will be used on all routine complaints or service calls where there is no immediate danger to life or property
 - 3. Examples: Theft report, abandon vehicles, etc.
- B. Code Two:
 - 1. Emergency equipment (overhead lights), headlights, siren when needed, obey posted speed limit or exceed the limit "slightly", obey all other traffic regulations.

2. Response will be used upon receipt of a complaint indicating the possibility” of in-progress property damage or personal injury.
3. Examples: Alarms, “minor” crimes in progress, criminal mischief, offensive touching, domestic disputes, etc.

C. Code Three:

1. All emergency equipment including headlights, exceeding the posted speed limits; taking due care and being fully cognizant of the dangers associated with the nature of high speed vehicle operation & emergency response, with particular attention to intersections and areas yielding high pedestrian traffic.
2. Response will be used upon notification of a felonious act in progress, compliant of the possibility of the occurrence of physical injury, etc.
3. Examples: Assault in progress, certain domestic situations (possible weapon involvement), burglary in progress, fights, etc.
4. Modify the response mode prior to arrival at certain scenes, for example, possibly not alerting an intruder (when and if applicable).
5. Pay conscious attention to the driving environment at all times, drive defensively, and most importantly, remember – **SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST.**

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