

Emergency Operations

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1.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines for the request of a law enforcement officer at an emergency scene

1.02 Policy

Jersey Village Emergency Services personnel shall follow these guidelines when needing a response of a law enforcement officer at an emergency scene.

1.03 Procedure

- A. If at any time during Emergency Services operations the need for law enforcement assistance presents itself, request such assistance through the Communications Operator.
- B. If requested to the scene of a Police Operation, make contact with the officer in charge and coordinate with it the operations of Emergency Services.

1.04 Traffic Control

- A. When requesting a police response for traffic control, the request shall be made to Communications. The request shall specify the exact location of the need and the fact that “traffic control” is the nature of the request.
- B. When special traffic control measures are needed, such as with hazardous materials incidents, the basic requirements may be relayed through Communications with a request for the officer to report to the Command Post to coordinate the best solution.

1.05 Crowd Control

- A. The Police Services shall enforce a Fire Line as identified by the Emergency Services. It is the responsibility of the Police Services to keep unauthorized persons outside the Fire Line. Authorized personnel, inside the Fire Line are the responsibility of the Emergency Services, including the news media, utility personnel, etc. Command must identify the area to be controlled to the Police Services, keeping in mind the possible dangers of the situation and the area needed for operations.

1.06 Evacuation

- A. At incidents involving exposure of large numbers of citizens to some danger, such as hazardous materials incidents or flooding, it often becomes necessary to use Police Services to effect and maintain evacuation of an area. In these cases it is essential that the Incident Commander and a Police Services Supervisor get together to coordinate manpower needs and assignments, establish perimeters and exchange information. Accurate and timely information must be shared by both agencies to minimize risks to personnel and the public.

1.07 Persons Interfering with Emergency Services

- A. When Emergency Services personnel encounter interference from anyone at a scene of an incident, a specific request shall be made to the Police Services identifying the type of problem encountered and the desired action.
- B. If the situation reaches a point where Emergency Services personnel are physically endangered by an unstable scene, Emergency Services units and personnel will withdraw until Police Services can stabilize the situation.

1.08 Medical Examiner Request

- A. Dead bodies are a responsibility of the Police Services, delegated by the Harris County Medical Examiner.
- B. Request for the Medical Examiner response must be made by a police officer.

1.09 Police Services Assistance

- A. When providing assistance to Police Services, Emergency Services personnel shall coordinate with the police officer in charge and provide such assistance as may be needed and as may be safe.