



LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS

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I. POLICY

The Lincoln Police Department maintains a Field Force to provide an organized response to actual or potential disturbances caused by large groups of disorderly persons which cannot be safely resolved by standard response techniques.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Field Force Organization

1. The Field Force is comprised of teams of eight officers, a team leader, and an assistant team leader.
2. Sergeants will function as team leaders, supervising each team.
3. The chief of police will appoint personnel to serve as the Field Force commanding officer and assistant commanding officer. (46.1.1)

B. Field Force Deployment

1. Deployment of One or Two Teams
 - a. The duty commander may deploy one or two field force teams without further authorization.
 - b. Once deployed, the team leaders are responsible for tactical decisions.
2. Deployment of More Than Two Teams
 - a. The chief of police must authorize the deployment of more than two Field Force teams, although the duty commander may activate members for readiness.
 - b. Once more than two teams are deployed, the Field Force commanding officer shall have tactical command.
3. Call Out Procedure
 - a. Upon notification of a call out, the Emergency Communications Center will contact the Field Force commanding officer.
 - b. The Field Force commanding officer will determine how many officers are to be called in for Field Force duties.
 - c. The Emergency Communications Center will notify the designated Field Force members to report to the assigned assembly point.

C. Duties of Duty Commanders and Team Area Supervisors

1. The duty commander shall notify the team area commanding officer, the assistant chiefs, and the chief of police of the deployment.
2. The duty commander and the team area supervisor will be responsible for:
 - a. Coordinating and assigning all field units responding to the situation;
 - b. Establishing a perimeter;
 - c. Establishing a command post;
 - d. News media liaison.

D. Chemical Agents

1. The Field Force commanding officer may authorize the deployment of chemical agents in an outdoor environment.
2. Only officers who have been trained and certified by the department will deploy a chemical agent when authorized.
3. The Field Force commanding officer will ensure that an annual inventory of chemical munitions will be conducted.

E. Field Force Support (46.2.1)

1. K-9 units may be used at the discretion of the Field Force commanding officer for officer or community member rescue, flank protection, as a rear guard, and other duties.
2. Since the Field Force is not equipped to handle gunfire, the SWAT Team will be activated when the Field Force deployment requires their support. The SWAT Team will remain under the control of the SWAT Team commanding officer.

F. Field Force Training (46.1.9)

1. All officers will receive Field Force training annually. Officers who serve as Field Force members will receive a minimum of 8 hours of annual Field Force training to include an inspection/fit-test of issued respirator equipment and a review of formations and tactics.

G. Equipment Inventory

1. Field Force equipment will be inventoried quarterly and stored in a secure area at the main police headquarters. The Field Force commander will maintain a list of current inventory. (46.1.8)
2. Equipment issued to individual Field Force members will be inspected during annual training.

H. Post-Incident Procedures

1. Following the conclusion of an incident, Field Force shall turn over responsibility for any further investigation to other personnel assigned by the duty commander.
2. No Field Force team member will be utilized in the investigation of the incident, unless approved by a commanding officer.
3. The commanding officer of the Field Force will assign a team member to prepare an after-action report recounting the activities of the team in the incident.