



# CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

## GENERAL POLICE ORDER



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SUBJECT: MOBILE FIELD FORCE OPERATIONS			
CHIEF: <i>Dornat A. Drummond, Chief</i>			

*Substantive changes are italicized*

**PURPOSE:** To establish a Mobile Field Force within the Division of Police and to provide guidelines and procedures for Field Force operations management.

**POLICY:** *It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police* that its Field Force shall provide for the effective utilization of personnel and equipment in the event of, or the expectation/prevention of a riot, civil disturbance, disaster, or mass casualty event; Field Force officers responding to an event shall follow the orders of the Field Force Commander.

**DEFINITIONS:**

*Arrest Teams - pre-determined members of District Community Services Units (CSU) with additional training who are designated as arrest teams and can be added into squads or platoons as needed to effect arrests during mobile field force operations.*

*Certified Grenadiers - refer to General Police Order 4.07.06 Grenadier Protocols.*

*Event Response Team (ERT) - pre-selected members who have received additional training in mobile field force operations.*

**Field Force Commander** - a supervisor assigned by the Deputy Chief of Field Operations.

**Field Force Company** - consists of *five* field force platoons led by a mobile Field Force Commander.

**Field Force Platoon** - consists of four field force squads led by a lieutenant.

**Field Force Squad** - consists of seven field force officers led by a sergeant. Additional members may be added to the squad to account for grenadiers, medics, and transportation officers.

**Incident Commander (IC)** - the supervisor responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources. The IC has overall authority and responsibility for conducting incident operations and is responsible for the management of all operations at the incident site. Responsibilities of the IC can be assumed by any officer from the officer handling the original call up to the Police Chief and any additional qualified officers, depending on the officers on scene, the size, scope and complexity of the incident or event.

**Tier 1** - Field Force personnel assigned to designated units (i.e., ERT, DSU, CSU, Bike Group, etc.) with quarterly unit training and annual combined training.

**Tier 2** - all other members of the Division.

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## PROCEDURES:

- I. Field Force Mobilization
  - A. Command or superior officers may request the immediate call up of Field Force (FF) personnel, upon determining a crowd management incident exists that available District personnel cannot manage.
  - B. The responsible supervisor shall make emergency requests for immediate on scene assistance via Communication Control Section.
  - C. Upon request for FF assistance, the supervisor shall relay the following information:
    1. Approximate crowd size.
    2. The estimated potential for crowd size escalation.
    3. Precipitating incident if known.
    4. Any related incidents of violence that have already occurred.
    5. Any current looting and/or damage to property.
  - D. The CCS Supervisor shall:
    1. Notify the Deputy Chief of Field Operations.
    2. Notify the District Commander.
    3. Notify the Field Force Commander.
    4. Contact neighboring districts that have on-duty Tier 1 FF personnel.
    5. Mobilize the Command Vehicle upon request of the Incident Commander and report the mobilization to the FF Commander.
    6. Monitor the channel assigned to the incident and set up a designated event channel if needed.
    7. Call up Tiers 1 and 2 FF Squads at the request of the Deputy Chief of Field Operations or the FF Commander.

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## II. Command and Control Responsibilities

- A. Prior to the arrival of the FF, the IC shall:
  - 1. Establish perimeter control.
  - 2. Advise CCS of the best approach routes.
  - 3. Establish ingress and egress routes from the scene.
  - 4. Notify CCS of a safe staging area for the FF outside of the inner perimeter.
- B. The IC shall be in charge of the overall incident (*Refer to GPO 4.07.02 Crowd Management - Incident Command System*).
- C. Upon the FF Commander's arrival on scene, the IC shall:
  - 1. Provide a synopsis of the situation.
  - 2. Coordinate with the FF Commander with direction and personnel support as needed.
- D. Upon being briefed, the FF Commander shall deploy their personnel and equipment in a manner that will manage the crowd consistent with any IAP and within the IC's rules of engagement, with the priority being to restore and maintain order and render aid as needed.
- E. The IC and FF Commander shall work in conjunction to control FF personnel; only the Chief of Police, their designee, or the Deputy Chief of Field Operations may assume or reassign the role of the IC or FF Commander.
- F. Upon the Incident Commander's determination that FF assets are no longer needed, the IC will command all remaining operations with District personnel.
  - 1. The IC shall use the chain of command to assign Patrol Section personnel to complete *incident reports* (i.e., injury, property damage, etc.).
  - 2. If the volume of *incident reports* is excessive, a supervisor shall assign multiple officers to report writing duties and ensure all the necessary tasks are completed in a timely fashion required by policy.
  - 3. As consistent with division policy, FF personnel shall be responsible for completing their own arrest reports, use of force reports, and/or any other necessary documents for incidents in which they were directly involved.

## III. Tier 1 Field Force Supervisor Responsibilities

- A. FF Commander shall:

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1. Determine the number of personnel and specialized units needed as well as the staging area for the FF.
2. Ensure training is conducted and maintain all FF records.
3. Lead the Division in approved quarterly FF training exercises.
4. Ensure all units are properly equipped.
5. Ensure the updated FF personnel roster is forwarded to CCS quarterly.
6. Ensure that a Divisional Notice is issued announcing quarterly inspections of the FF units.

B. Supervisors assigned to FF shall ensure:

1. A list of all Tier 1 FF members is maintained and forwarded to the FF Commander quarterly.
2. Newly assigned personnel are issued FF equipment and training in FF procedures and advise the FF Commander of any equipment deficiencies.
3. *Individually issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and unit issued equipment (i.e., shields, grenadier bags, etc.) are inspected quarterly for cleanliness and serviceability (Attachment).*
4. Approved FF training is conducted quarterly, as directed by the FF Commander, to ensure preparedness within their unit.
  - a. All approved training shall be documented, including member attendance and type of training completed.
  - b. Training documentation shall be submitted to the FF Commander and the Training Section within ten days of completion.

IV. Officer Responsibilities

- A. Patrol Section personnel shall keep their issued *PPE* readily available during their tour of duty.
- B. When not on-duty, Patrol Section personnel shall keep their issued *ballistic* helmet and *PPE* at their place of assignment or otherwise readily available.
- C. All other units shall maintain their ballistic helmet and PPE at their assigned work location.

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V. Training

- A. Tier 1 FF will convene quarterly as units and annually for a combined approved training session conducted by the FF Commander in coordination with the Training Section.
- B. The Training Section shall approve observe these training exercises, and shall submit evaluations through the chain of command to the Chief of Police.

**THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE OR POLICY FOR THIS SUBJECT AND WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.**

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