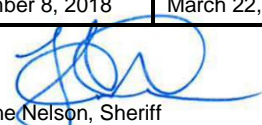




DESCHUTES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the authority for organizing, administering and operating this agency's participation in the Major Incident Team.

II. POLICY

This agency recognizes that the pooling and coordination of resources among regional law enforcement and criminal justice agencies are often the most effective and efficient means of investigating selected major incidents. Therefore, it is the policy of this law enforcement agency to participate in and fully cooperate with multi-agency investigation teams.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Organization and Jurisdiction

1. Task force members shall be comprised of agencies that have entered into this region's mutual assistance agreement and have executed the agreement of the regional investigation team.
2. All participating agencies shall be equal members of and shall be governed by procedures established by the Central Oregon Law Enforcement Services Board (COLES) Board.
3. The COLES Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing and amending, as appropriate:
 - a. All administrative concerns of the investigation team, to include its goals and objectives, scope of operations, funding, voting, meeting, resignation and dissolution provisions, among other matters; and
 - b. All operational policies and procedures relating to unit activation, operation, staffing, supervision, training, logistical support and related matters.
4. Jurisdiction of the multi-agency team and its assigned members is limited by the laws of these participating jurisdictions and by the provisions of the multi-agency team and mutual aid agreements.
5. Use of the team for investigation of incidents that arise during an authorized investigation, but are not specifically designated in the agreement, shall require the concurrence of the COLES Board and participating agencies.
6. Use of the team for any purpose outside the scope of the interagency agreement shall require approval of the COLES Board and participating agencies.
7. Policies and overtime payments are subject to the various collective bargaining units.

IV. MAJOR INCIDENT TEAM

A. Logistical Support/Finances

1. Agencies requesting services of the Major Incident Team are responsible for coordinating the availability of:
 - a. Communication equipment and facilities;
 - b. Vehicle fuel, oil, maintenance and repair;
 - c. Food and lodging as required; and
 - d. Criminalistics and forensic services.
2. Assigned deputies/officers shall use personally assigned equipment to include weapons, soft body armor and personal protective gear, vehicles (if not otherwise available through the Major Incident Team), and related equipment normally carried in the line of duty.
 - a. Specialized equipment, such as needed for surveillance operations, may be requisitioned from member agencies and will be made available whenever possible.
 - b. The replacement or repair costs of personal or agency equipment lost or damaged in the course of Major Incident Team operations shall be incurred as detailed in the Major Incident Team memorandum of understanding.
3. Overtime pay for personnel working Major Incident Team assignments shall be paid in accordance with the interjurisdictional agreement.
4. Indemnity for accident, injury, death, and liability shall be borne by the deputies/officer's parent agency.

B. Debriefing

Following completion of the Major Incident Team assignment, deputies/officers shall submit a report of their assignment to their commanders. The Major Incident Team Supervisor shall ensure all reports are completed and also submit a written report to the Major Incident Team Board of Directors. These reports shall include, but shall not be limited to:

1. Nature and duration of the assignment;
2. The amount of regular and overtime work devoted to the investigation team assignment;
3. Expenditures, losses or damage of resources and personnel injuries as a result of Major Incident Team involvement;
4. Outcome of the case with regard to arrests, warrants issued, intelligence gathered and the like; and
5. Recommendations for enhancing future Major Incident Team investigations.