

LAW ENFORCEMENT BRANCH

Overview:

The mission of law enforcement is to provide for the prevention, detection and investigation of criminal activity; to provide enforcement of criminal laws; and to provide services, safety and protection to the residents and visitors of Spokane County.

Responsibilities:

Law enforcement provides a wide variety of services to our citizens, including but not limited to:

- a. Response to calls for service.
- b. Protection of the public.
- c. Evacuation.
- d. Problem identification and resolution.
- e. Assessment of emergency situations.
- f. Determination of criminal activity.
- g. Collection of evidence.
- h. Traffic and crowd control.
- i. Random patrol activity.
- j. Victim assistance and support.
- k. Investigation of criminal complaints.
- l. Explosive device investigation and mitigation.
- m. Special tactical team response.
- n. Security of incidents and planned events.
- o. Intelligence gathering and sharing, as appropriate.
- p. Computer crime investigation.
- q. Assistance to other public safety agencies.
- r. Coordination of services to public and neighborhood watch groups.
- s. Crime prevention programs and services.
- t. Public information coordination.
- u. Internal investigation and public corruption investigation.
- v. Vehicle and convoy escort.
- w. Commercial vehicle inspection.
- x. Traffic enforcement and vehicle crash investigation.
- y. Enforcement of criminal laws.

LAW ENFORCEMENT BRANCH DIRECTOR: The Law Enforcement Branch Director is responsible to organize and direct law enforcement operations during the incident. This includes traffic control, investigation and evidence collection, perimeter and internal security, evacuation, and tactical police operations including SWAT and crowd control tactical units. The law branch coordinates with other involved law enforcement agencies including the medical examiner and animal control. The Law Branch coordinates with the Medical and Rescue Branch Directors.

- a. Review Common Responsibilities (Page 1-2).
- b. Review assignments for effectiveness and modify as needed.

- c. Supervise Branch activities and staff with assigned personnel and request additional personnel and resources sufficient to handle the magnitude of the incident.
- d. Report to IC (or to Operations Section Chief) on Branch activities.
- e. Participate in Law Branch / Operations Section Planning activities.
- f. Ensure traffic control is established as needed to provide for safety and security.
- g. Ensure security perimeters are established for the incident and at the operational areas such as the command post and treatment areas as needed.
- h. Ensure investigation and evidence collection activities are conducted as needed.
- i. Coordinate special police unit (SWAT, TAC, Bomb Disposal, other) activities.
- j. Conduct evacuation as requested by Command.
- k. Coordinate with the Medical Examiner to secure deceased victims and their belongings.
- m. Maintain Unit/Activity Log (ICS Form 214).

LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

