

# DALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## I. Policy

It is the policy of the Dalton Police Department to engage in event deconfliction to avoid dangerous confrontations and / or unintentional consequences for law enforcement personnel by entering qualifying events into nationwide officer safety event deconfliction systems. In most instances, this policy will not apply to general patrol-level investigations, but will assist in ongoing drug, gang, and vice-related investigations, as well as high-profile crimes.

## II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish event deconfliction procedures for undercover and high-risk incidents to enhance officer safety, reduce risk, and encourage the effective use of critical resources.

## III. Definitions

- A. *Critical Incident* – An occurrence or event, natural or human-caused, which requires an emergency response to protect life or property. Incidents can, for example, include major disasters, emergencies, terrorist attacks, terrorist threats, wild land and urban fires, floods, hazardous materials spills, nuclear accidents, aircraft accidents, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, tropical storms, war-related disasters, public health and medical emergencies, and other occurrences requiring an emergency response, such as major planned events and law enforcement incidents.
- B. *Deconfliction* – A process of notifying a central location of a planned event prior to its execution, which will enhance officer safety by preventing officers from accidentally targeting another law enforcement officer or compromising another investigation.

## IV. Qualifying Events

Any tactical activity or operation that requires a personal appearance at a predetermined location shall utilize event deconfliction procedures. This does not apply to critical incidents. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- A. The service of search warrants involving potentially life-threatening circumstances.
- B. The service of high-risk arrest warrants.
- C. Fugitive operations which are operational, such as roundups.
- D. Long-term covert operations.
- E. The service of search warrants involving narcotics investigations.
- F. Any other high-risk or specialized law enforcement activities or events that would benefit from event deconfliction.

V. **Procedures**

- A. The Department utilizes the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program for event deconfliction.
- B. Personnel conducting events, as described above, shall ensure that these events are entered into the event deconfliction system, either online or by telephone, prior to the event taking place. Information entered into the deconfliction system shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 1. Date and time of the event
  - 2. Type of event
  - 3. Location of the event, including staging areas (if known)
  - 4. Information about the suspect(s)
  - 5. Participating agency names
  - 6. Name and contact information of the case Officer or Lead Investigator, along with a secondary point of contact for the operation
  - 7. Radius of the deconfliction (if not preset by the deconfliction system)
- C. In the event the deconfliction system identifies a potential conflict for a planned operation, the case Officer or Lead Investigator shall immediately contact the identified agency and resolve any conflict that might exist before the planned operation is initiated.
- D. The entry of the qualifying event into the deconfliction system shall be notated on the operations plan for the event. The case Officer or Lead Investigator shall also list on the operations plan any other local jurisdictions or agencies contacted during the deconfliction process.
- E. Personnel shall attempt to contact / notify any local jurisdictions or agencies that may not participate in an event deconfliction system that may be affected by the

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incident or investigation, when feasible. Department personnel shall also communicate with and distribute information to other units involved in similar types of specialized investigations within the Department as part of the deconfliction process.

- F. If the case Officer or Lead Investigator is unsure about the requirement to deconflict, the process to use for notifying other agencies, or any other steps involved in this process, he / she shall contact the Drug Enforcement Unit Supervisor or the CID Operations Supervisor, who shall provide further guidance.

VI. **Authorized Users and Administrators**

- A. Authorized system users are personnel with assignments that may be required to perform event deconfliction.
- B. The following personnel shall be registered as agency administrators with the deconfliction system:
  - 1. Drug Enforcement Unit Supervisor
  - 2. CID Operations Supervisor
  - 3. Any other personnel designated by the CID Division Commander

*This policy supersedes any previous policies issued.*

**BY ORDER OF**

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**CHIEF OF POLICE**

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