# St. Francis Police Department

Policy Manual

### Firearms

### 305.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for issuing firearms, the safe and legal carrying of firearms, firearms maintenance and firearms training.

This policy does not apply to issues related to the use of firearms that are addressed in the Use of Force or Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths policies.

This policy only applies to those members who are authorized to carry firearms.

#### 305.1.1 AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY FIREARMS

All licensed personnel shall successfully complete department training regarding the use of force, deadly force, and the use of firearms before being issued a firearm or being authorized to carry a firearm in the course of their duties (Minn. Stat. § 626.8452, Subd. 3; Minn. Stat. § 626.8463).

### 305.2 POLICY

The St. Francis Police Department will equip its members with firearms to address the risks posed to the public and department members by violent and sometimes well-armed persons. The Department will ensure firearms are appropriate and in good working order and that relevant training is provided as resources allow.

### 305.3 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND OTHER WEAPONS

Members shall only use firearms that are issued or approved by the Department and have been thoroughly inspected by the Firearms Instructor. Except in an emergency or as directed by a supervisor, no firearm shall be carried by a member who has not qualified with that firearm at an authorized department range.

All other weapons not provided by the Department, including, but not limited to, edged weapons, chemical or electronic weapons, impact weapons or any weapon prohibited or restricted by law or that is not covered elsewhere by department policy, may not be carried by members in the performance of their official duties without the express written authorization of the member's Department Supervisor. This exclusion does not apply to the carrying of a single folding pocketknife that is not otherwise prohibited by law.

#### 305.3.1 HANDGUNS

The authorized department-issued handgun is the Sig Sauer P320 9mm.

### 305.3.2 SHOTGUNS

The authorized department-issued shotgun is the Remington 870 and Mossberg 590A Tactical 12 gauge.

When not deployed, the shotgun shall be properly secured consistent with department training in a locking weapons rack in the patrol vehicle.

#### 305.3.3 PATROL RIFLES

The authorized department-issued patrol rifle is the .223 caliber.

Members may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the member can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Situations where the member reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.
- (b) When a member is faced with a situation that may require accurate and effective fire at long range.
- (c) Situations where a member reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- (d) When a member reasonably believes that there may be a need to fire on a barricaded person or a person with a hostage.
- (e) When a member reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- (f) When authorized or requested by a supervisor.
- (g) When needed to euthanize an animal.

When not deployed, the patrol rifle shall be properly secured consistent with department training in a locking weapons rack in the patrol vehicle.

#### 305.3.4 AUTHORIZED SECONDARY HANDGUN

Members desiring to carry department or personally owned secondary handguns are subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) The handgun shall be in good working order and on the department list of approved firearms.
- (b) Only one secondary handgun may be carried at a time.
- (C) The purchase of the handgun and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the member unless the handgun and ammunition are provided by the Department.
- (d) The handgun shall be carried concealed at all times and in such a manner as to prevent unintentional cocking, discharge or loss of physical control.
- (e) The handgun shall be inspected by the Firearms Instructor prior to being carried and thereafter shall be subject to inspection whenever it is deemed necessary.
- (f) Ammunition shall be the same as department issue. If the caliber of the handgun is other than department issue, the Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall approve the ammunition.
- (g) Prior to carrying the secondary handgun, members shall qualify under range supervision and thereafter shall qualify in accordance with the department qualification schedule. Members must demonstrate proficiency and safe handling, and that the handgun functions properly.
- (h) Members shall provide written notice of the make, model, color, serial number and caliber of a secondary handgun to the Firearms Instructor, who will maintain a list of the information.

#### 305.3.5 AUTHORIZED OFF-DUTY FIREARMS

The carrying of firearms by members while off-duty is permitted by the Chief of Police but may be rescinded should circumstances dictate (e.g., administrative leave). Members who choose to carry a firearm while off-duty, based on their authority as peace officers, will be required to meet the following guidelines:

(a) A personally owned firearm shall be used, carried and inspected in accordance with the Personally Owned Firearms requirements in this policy.

1. The purchase of the personally owned firearm and ammunition shall be the responsibility of the member.

- (b) The firearm shall be carried concealed at all times and in such a manner as to prevent unintentional cocking, discharge or loss of physical control.
- (C) It will be the responsibility of the member to submit the firearm to the Firearms Instructor for inspection prior to being personally carried. Thereafter the firearm shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Firearms Instructor.
- (d) Prior to carrying any off-duty firearm, the member shall demonstrate to the Firearms Instructor that he/she is proficient in handling and firing the firearm and that it will be carried in a safe manner.
- (e) The member will successfully qualify with the firearm prior to it being carried.
- (f) Members shall provide written notice of the make, model, color, serial number and caliber of the firearm to the Firearms Instructor, who will maintain a list of the information.
- (g) If a member desires to use more than one firearm while off-duty, he/she may do so, as long as all requirements set forth in this policy for each firearm are met.
- (h) Members shall only carry department-authorized ammunition
- (i) When armed, officers shall carry their badges and St. Francis Police Department identification cards under circumstances requiring possession of such identification.

#### 305.3.6 AMMUNITION

Members shall carry only department-authorized ammunition. Members shall be issued fresh duty ammunition in the specified quantity for all department-issued firearms during the member's firearms qualification. Replacements for unserviceable or depleted ammunition issued by the Department shall be dispensed by the Firearms Instructor when needed, in accordance with established policy.

### 305.4 EQUIPMENT

Firearms carried on- or off-duty shall be maintained in a clean, serviceable condition. Maintenance and repair of authorized personally owned firearms are the responsibility of the individual member. 305.4.1 REPAIRS OR MODIFICATIONS

Each member shall be responsible for promptly reporting any damage or malfunction of an assigned firearm to a supervisor or the Firearms Instructor.

Firearms that are the property of the Department or personally owned firearms that are approved for department use may be repaired or modified only by a person who is department-approved and certified as an armorer or gunsmith in the repair of the specific firearm. Such modification or repair must be authorized in advance by the Firearms Instructor.

#### 305.4.2 HOLSTERS

Only department-approved holsters shall be used and worn by members. Members shall periodically inspect their holsters to make sure they are serviceable and provide the proper security and retention of the handgun.

#### 305.4.3 TACTICAL LIGHTS

Tactical lights may only be installed on a firearm carried on- or off-duty after they have been examined and approved by the Firearms Instructor. Once the approved tactical lights have been properly installed on any firearm, the member shall qualify with the firearm to ensure proper functionality and sighting of the firearm prior to carrying it.

### 305.5 SAFE HANDLING, INSPECTION AND STORAGE

Members shall maintain the highest level of safety when handling firearms and shall consider the following:

- (a) Members shall not unnecessarily display or handle any firearm.
- (b) Members shall be governed by all rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the range and shall obey all orders issued by the Firearms Instructor. Members shall not dry fire or practice quick draws except as instructed by the Firearms Instructor or other firearms training staff.
- (C) Members shall not clean, repair, load or unload a firearm anywhere in the Department, except where clearing barrels are present.
- (d) Shotguns or rifles removed from vehicles or the equipment storage room shall be loaded and unloaded in the parking lot and outside of the vehicle, using clearing barrels.
- (e) Members shall not place or store any firearm or other weapon on department premises except where the place of storage is locked. No one shall carry firearms into the jail section or any part thereof when securing or processing an arrestee, but shall place all firearms in a secured location. Members providing access to the jail section to persons from outside agencies are responsible for ensuring firearms are not brought into the jail section.
- (f) Members shall not use any automatic firearm, heavy caliber rifle, gas or other type of chemical weapon or firearm from the armory, except with approval of a supervisor.
- (g) Any firearm authorized by the Department to be carried on- or off-duty that is determined by a member to be malfunctioning or in need of service or repair shall not

be carried. It shall be promptly presented to the Department or a Firearms Instructor approved by the Department for inspection and repair. Any firearm deemed in need of repair or service by the Firearms Instructor will be immediately removed from service. If the firearm is the member's primary duty firearm, a replacement firearm will be issued to the member until the duty firearm is serviceable.

#### 305.5.1 INSPECTION AND STORAGE

Handguns shall be inspected regularly and upon access or possession by another person. Shotguns and rifles shall be inspected at the beginning of the shift by the member to whom the weapon is issued. The member shall ensure that the firearm is carried in the proper condition and loaded with approved ammunition. Inspection of the shotgun and rifle shall be done while standing outside of the patrol vehicle. All firearms shall be pointed in a safe direction or into clearing barrels.

### 305.5.2 STORAGE AT HOME

Members shall ensure that all firearms and ammunition are locked and secured while in their homes, vehicles or any other area under their control, and in a manner that will keep them inaccessible to children and others who should not have access. Members shall not permit department-issued firearms to be handled by anyone not authorized by the Department to do so. Members should be aware that negligent storage of a firearm could result in civil and criminal liability (Minn. Stat. § 609.666; Minn. Stat. § 609.378).

#### 305.5.3 ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Firearms shall not be carried by any member, either on- or off-duty, who has consumed an amount of an alcoholic beverage, taken any drugs or medication, or has taken any combination thereof that would tend to adversely affect the member's senses or judgment.

### 305.6 FIREARMS TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

All members who carry a firearm while on-duty are required to successfully complete training quarterly with their duty firearms. In addition to quarterly training, all members will qualify at least annually with their duty firearms (Minn. Stat. § 626.8452). Officers will also receive training on this policy, including the learning objectives as provided by POST, at least annually (Minn. Stat.

§ 626.8452, Subd. 3).

Members will qualify with off-duty and secondary firearms at least annually.

Training and qualifications must be on an approved range course.

At least annually, all members carrying a firearm should receive practical training designed to simulate field situations including low-light shooting.

#### 305.6.1 NON-CERTIFICATION OR NON-QUALIFICATION

If any member fails to meet minimum standards for firearms training or qualification for any reason, including injury, illness, duty status or scheduling conflict, that member shall submit a memorandum to his/her immediate supervisor prior to the end of the required training or qualification period.

Those who fail to meet minimum standards or qualify on their first shooting attempt shall be provided remedial training and will be subject to the following requirements:

- (a) Additional range assignments may be scheduled to assist the member in demonstrating consistent firearm proficiency.
- (b) Members shall be given credit for a range training or qualification when obtaining a qualifying score or meeting standards after remedial training.
- (c) No range credit will be given for the following:
  - 1. Unauthorized range make-up
  - 2. Failure to meet minimum standards or qualify after remedial training

Members who repeatedly fail to meet minimum standards will be removed from field assignment and may be subject to disciplinary action.

### 305.7 FIREARM DISCHARGE

Except during training or recreational use, any member who discharges a firearm intentionally or unintentionally, on- or off-duty, shall make a verbal report to his/her supervisor as soon as circumstances permit. If the discharge results in injury or death to another person, additional statements and reports shall be made in accordance with the Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy. If a firearm was discharged as a use of force, the involved member shall adhere to the additional reporting requirements set forth in the Use of Force Policy.

In all other cases, written reports shall be made as follows:

- (a) If on-duty at the time of the incident, the member shall file a written report with his/her Department Supervisor or provide a recorded statement to investigators prior to the end of shift, unless otherwise directed.
- (b) If off-duty at the time of the incident, a written report shall be submitted or recorded statement provided no later than the end of the next regularly scheduled shift, unless otherwise directed by a supervisor.

#### 305.7.1 DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS

Members are authorized to use firearms to stop an animal in circumstances where the animal reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to human safety and alternative methods are not reasonably available or would likely be ineffective.

In circumstances where there is sufficient advance notice that a potentially dangerous animal may be encountered, department members should develop reasonable contingency plans for dealing with the animal (e.g., fire extinguisher, conducted energy device, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, animal control officer). Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any member from shooting a dangerous animal if circumstances reasonably dictate that a contingency plan has failed, becomes impractical, or if the animal reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to human safety. 305.7.2 INJURED ANIMALS

A member may euthanize an animal that is so badly injured that human compassion requires its removal from further suffering and where other dispositions are impractical.

305.7.3 WARNING AND OTHER SHOTS Warning shots may not be discharged.

#### 305.7.4 REPORTING FIREARMS DISCHARGE

The Chief of Police shall notify the Commissioner of Public Safety within 30 days of an on-duty firearm discharge, except when the discharge is in the course of training or destruction of animals (described in this policy). The notification shall contain information concerning the reason for and circumstances surrounding the discharge (Minn. Stat. § 626.553).

### 305.8 FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR DUTIES

The range will be under the exclusive control of the Firearms Instructor. All members attending will follow the directions of the Firearms Instructor. The Firearms Instructor will maintain a roster of all members attending the range and will submit the roster to the Instructor after each range date. Failure of any member to sign in and out with the Firearms Instructor may result in nonparticipation or non-qualification.

The range shall remain operational and accessible to department members during hours established by the Department.

The Firearms Instructor has the responsibility of making periodic inspection, at least once a year, of all duty firearms carried by members of this department to verify proper operation. The Firearms Instructor has the authority to deem any department-issued or privately owned firearm unfit for service. The member will be responsible for all repairs to his/her personally owned firearm; it will not be returned to service until inspected and approved by the Firearms Instructor.

The Firearms Instructor has the responsibility for ensuring each member meets the minimum requirements during training shoots and, on at least a yearly basis, can demonstrate proficiency in the care, cleaning and safety of all firearms the member is authorized to carry.

The Firearms Instructor shall complete and submit to the Instructor documentation of the courses provided. Documentation shall include the qualifications of each instructor who provides the training, a description of the training provided and, on a form that has been approved by the Department, a list of each member who completes the training. The Firearms Instructor should keep accurate records of all training shoots, qualifications, repairs, maintenance or other records as directed by the Instructor.

### 305.9 FLYING WHILE ARMED

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has imposed rules governing law enforcement officers flying armed on commercial aircraft. The following requirements apply to personnel who intend to be armed while flying on a commercial air carrier or flights where screening is conducted (49 CFR 1544.219):

- (a) Officers wishing to fly while armed must be flying in an official capacity, not for vacation or pleasure, and must have a need to have the firearm accessible, as determined by the Department based on the law and published TSA rules.
- (b) Officers must carry their St. Francis Police Department identification card, bearing the officer's name, a full-face photograph, identification number, the officer's signature, and the signature of the Chief of Police or the official seal of the Department and must present this identification to airline officials when requested. The officer should also carry the standard photo identification needed for passenger screening by airline and TSA officials (e.g., driver's license, passport).
- (c) The St. Francis Police Department must submit a National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) message prior to the officer's travel. If approved, TSA will send the St. Francis Police Department an NLETS message containing a unique alphanumeric identifier. The officer must present the message on the day of travel to airport personnel as authorization to travel while armed.
- (d) An official letter signed by the Chief of Police authorizing armed travel may also accompany the officer. The letter should outline the officer's need to fly armed, detail the itinerary, and include that the officer has completed the mandatory TSA training for a law enforcement officer flying while armed.
- (e) Officers must have completed the mandated TSA security training covering officers flying while armed. The training shall be given by the department-appointed instructor.
- (f) It is the officer's responsibility to notify the air carrier in advance of the intended armed travel. This notification can be accomplished by early check-in at the carrier's checkin counter.
- (g) Any officer flying while armed should discreetly contact the flight crew prior to take-off and notify them of the officer's assigned seat.
- (h) Discretion must be used to avoid alarming passengers or crew by displaying a firearm. The officer must keep the firearm concealed on the officer's person at all times. Firearms are not permitted in carry-on luggage and may not be stored in an overhead compartment.
- (i) Officers should resolve any problems associated with flying armed through the flight captain, ground security manager, TSA representative, or other management representative of the air carrier.
- (j) Officers shall not consume alcoholic beverages while aboard an aircraft, or within eight hours prior to boarding an aircraft.

### 305.10 CARRYING FIREARMS OUT OF STATE

Qualified, active, full-time officers of this department are authorized to carry a concealed firearm in all other states subject to the following conditions (18 USC § 926B):

- (a) The officer shall carry the officer's St. Francis Police Department identification card whenever carrying such weapon.
- (b) The officer is not the subject of any current disciplinary action.
- (c) The officer may not be under the influence of alcohol or any other intoxicating or hallucinatory drug.

(d) The officer will remain subject to this and all other department policies (including qualifying and training).

Officers are cautioned that individual states may enact local regulations that permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property, or that prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any state or local government property, installation, building, base, or park. Federal authority may not shield an officer from arrest and prosecution in such locally restricted areas.

Active law enforcement officers from other states are subject to all requirements set forth in 18 USC § 926B.

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# 327.01 CONDITIONS OF DISCHARGE

- A. A weapon may be discharged to exterminate a dangerous animal for self-defense, to prevent substantial harm to the officer or others, and when the animal is so badly injured that humanity requires its destruction to prevent further suffering.
- B. A weapon may be discharged for target practice at an approved range when accompanied by another competent person or shooting competition on an approved range and under the supervision of an approved firearms instructor or range officer.

# 327.02 PROHIBITED USE OF FIREARMS

Firearms shall not be discharged in the following situations:

- A. As a warning shot
- B. In violation of Minnesota State Statutes.

### 327.03 SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS

While lawfully acting in the capacity of a St. Francis peace officer, except for general maintenance, storage, or authorized training, officers shall not draw or exhibit, their department approved firearm unless circumstances create reasonable cause to believe that it may be necessary to lawfully use the weapon in conformance with other sections of this policy. This section applies to all officers, whether on-duty or off-duty.

### 327.04 OFF-DUTY WEAPON

Officers are not required to carry a handgun off-duty. An officer who elects not to carry a handgun while off-duty shall not be subject to disciplinary action if an occasion should arise, in which the officer could have taken police action if he/she were armed. Anytime a firearm is carried off-duty, the officer shall possess and have readily accessible their badge and/or police identification card. Off-duty firearms should be carried in a concealed manner whenever possible. If the firearm is visible to the public, the badge must be visible also. The St Francis Police Department prohibits any officer from carrying a handgun or ammunition off-duty while using or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. All officers must qualify with their off-duty weapon if it is a different weapon from what is carried on-duty.

### 327.05 DEPARTMENT APPROVED FIREARM

A department approved firearm, is any weapon owned by the St. Francis Police Department or owned by a licensed peace officer employed by the St. Francis Police Department and has been approved for duty use by the department. Approval for duty use means that the officer has qualified in the handling of the weapon and actual firing along with cleaning and disassembly. Officers must qualify annually with the department-approved firearm being carried on duty. A qualified range instructor shall attest to this qualification.

### 327.06 SECONDARY WEAPONS

- A. The Chief of Police or designee must approve all secondary weapons in advance.
- B. Officers will qualify with their secondary weapons annually.
- C. The Chief of Police or designee must approve the method of carry.
- D. Officers may be responsible for ammunition and weapon maintenance for secondary weapons.

### 327.07 REMOVAL OF FIREARMS FROM SQUADS

Officers shall remove all firearms from department vehicles prior to leaving the vehicle at any location away from the police department for service or repairs. The weapons do not need to be removed if an officer will be standing by waiting for service to be completed (ex: radio repair, bus garage). The weapons shall be secured in the gun safe until the vehicle is brought back to the police department from the repair location.

# 327.08 DUTY WEAPON

A. All officers shall carry a department issued Sig Sauer P320 9MM Handgun.

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### **Missing Persons**

314.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidance for handling missing person investigations.

#### 314.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Endangered** - A person the Department has confirmed is missing and there is sufficient evidence to indicate that the person is at risk of physical injury or death. Examples include (Minn. Stat. § 299C.52):

- (a) The person is missing because of a confirmed abduction or under circumstances that indicate the person's disappearance was not voluntary.
- (b) The person is missing under known dangerous circumstances.
- (c) The person is missing more than 30 days.
- (d) The person is under the age of 21 and at least one other factor is applicable.
- (e) There is evidence that the person is in need of medical attention or prescription medication such that it will have a serious adverse effect on the person's health if the person does not receive the needed care or medication.
- (f) The person does not have a pattern of running away or disappearing.
- (g) The person is mentally impaired.
- (h) There is evidence that a non-custodial parent may have abducted the person.
- (i) The person has been the subject of past threats or acts of violence.
- (j) There is evidence that the person is lost in the wilderness, backcountry or outdoors where survival is precarious and immediate and effective investigation and searchand-rescue efforts are critical.
- (k) Any other factor the Department deems to indicate the person may be at risk of physical injury or death, including a determination by another law enforcement agency that the person is missing and endangered.
- (I) There is sufficient evidence that a child is with a person who presents a threat of immediate physical injury to the child or physical or sexual abuse of the child.
- (m) Qualify for a state AMBER Alert<sup>™</sup> pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 299A.61, Subd. 1.

**Missing person** - Any person who is reported missing to law enforcement when that person's location is unknown. This includes any person under the age of 18 or who is certified or known to be mentally incompetent (Minn. Stat. § 299C.52).

**Missing person networks** - Databases or computer networks that are available to law enforcement and are suitable for obtaining information related to missing person investigations. This includes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the

Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS), the Minnesota Missing and Unidentified Persons Clearinghouse and the Minnesota Crime Alert Network.

## 314.2 POLICY

The St. Francis Police Department does not consider any report of a missing person to be routine and assumes that the missing person is in need of immediate assistance until an investigation reveals otherwise. Priority shall be given to missing person cases over property-related cases. Members will initiate an investigation into all reports of missing persons, regardless of the length of time the person has been missing.

# 314.3 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Any member encountering a person who wishes to report a missing person or runaway shall render assistance without delay. This can be accomplished by accepting the report via telephone or in person and initiating the investigation. Those members who do not take such reports or who are unable to give immediate assistance shall promptly dispatch or alert a member who can take the report.

A report shall be accepted in all cases and regardless of where the person was last seen, where the person resides or any question of jurisdiction (Minn. Stat. § 299C.53, Subd.1(a)).

## 314.4 INITIAL INVESTIGATION

Officers or other members conducting the initial investigation of a missing person should take the following investigative actions as applicable:

- (a) Respond to a dispatched call as soon as practicable. Obtain a detailed description of the missing person, as well as a description of any related vehicle and/or abductor.
- (b) Interview the reporting party and any witnesses to determine whether the person qualifies as a missing person and, if so, whether the person may be endangered (Minn. Stat. § 299C.53, Subd. 1(b)). Interviews should be conducted separately, if practicable.
- (C) Consult with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) if the person is determined to be an endangered missing person (Minn. Stat. § 299C.53, Subd. 1(b)).
- (d) Canvass the last known area where the missing person was seen, if known. A search of the location where the incident took place, if known, should also be conducted and a search warrant obtained if necessary.
- (e) Determine when, where and by whom the missing person was last seen. Interview the person who last had contact with the missing person.
- (f) Notify a supervisor immediately if there is evidence that a missing person is either endangered or may qualify for a public alert, or both (see the Public Alerts Policy).
- (g) Issue an "Attempt to Locate" (ATL) or similar alert if the person is under 18 years of age or there is evidence that the missing person is endangered. The alert should be issued as soon as practicable but in no event more than one hour after determining the missing person is under 18 years of age or may be endangered.
- (h) Relay known details to all on-duty personnel as well as other local or surrounding law enforcement agencies using local and state databases.
- (i) Ensure that entries are made into the appropriate missing person networks:

- 1. Immediately, when the missing person is endangered (Minn. Stat. § 299C.53, Subd. 1(b)).
- 2. Immediately, when the person is under 21 years of age, regardless of determination/status.
- 3. In all other cases, as soon as practicable, but not later than two hours from the time of the initial report.
- (j) Complete the appropriate report forms accurately and completely and initiate a search as applicable under the facts.
- (k) Collect and/or review:
  - 1. A photograph and fingerprint card of the missing person, if available (Minn. Stat. § 299C.54, Subd. 2).

(a) A voluntarily provided biological sample of the missing person, if available (e.g., toothbrush, hairbrush).

- 2. Any documents that may assist in the investigation, such as court orders regarding custody.
- 3. Any other evidence that may assist in the investigation, including personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, computers).
- (I) When circumstances permit and if appropriate, attempt to determine the missing person's location through his/her telecommunications carrier.
- (m) Contact the appropriate agency if the report relates to a missing person report previously made to another agency and that agency is actively investigating the report. When this is not practicable, the information should be documented in an appropriate report for transmission to the appropriate agency. If the information relates to an endangered missing person, the member should notify a supervisor and proceed with reasonable steps to locate the missing person.
- (n) Implement multi-jurisdictional coordination/mutual aid plan as appropriate such as when:
  - 1. The primary agency has limited resources.
  - 2. The investigation crosses jurisdictional lines.
  - 3. Jurisdictions have pre-established task forces or investigative teams.

### 314.4.1 CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT

If a crime scene is identified, it should be secured and a command post or operation base located at a reasonable distance from the crime scene. Staff and assign the responsibilities for command post supervisor, media specialist, search coordinator, investigative coordinator, communication officer and support unit coordinator. Provide two liaison officers (one at the command post and one at the crime scene). The role of the liaison at the home will include facilitating support and advocacy for the family.

The investigation of the scene and the crime should consider various elements, including:

- (a) Establishing the ability to "trap and trace" all incoming calls. Consider setting up a separate telephone line or cellular telephone for department use and follow-up on all leads.
- (b) Compiling a list of known sex offenders in the region.
- (c) In cases of infant abduction, investigating claims of home births made in the area.
- (d) In cases involving children, obtaining child protective agency records for reports of child abuse.
- (e) Reviewing records for previous incidents related to the missing person and prior law enforcement activity in the area, including prowlers, indecent exposure, attempted abductions, etc.

- (f) Obtaining the missing person's medical and dental records, fingerprints and a biological sample when practicable or within 30 days.
- (g) Creating a missing person profile with detailed information obtained from records and interviews with family and friends, describing the missing person's health, relationships, personality, problems, life experiences, plans, equipment, etc.
- (h) Interviewing delivery personnel, employees of gas, water, electric and cable companies, taxi drivers, post office personnel, sanitation workers, etc.
- (i) Determining if outside help is needed and the merits of utilizing local, state and federal resources related to specialized investigative needs, including:
  - 1. Investigative resources (e.g., search and rescue).
  - 2. Interpretive resources.
  - 3. Telephone services, such as traps, traces and triangulation.
  - 4. Media assistance from local and national sources.
- (j) Using secure electronic communication information, such as the missing person's cellular telephone number, e-mail address and information from social networking sites.
- (k) Appointing an officer to communicate with the family/reporting party or their designee. The officer will be the primary point of contact for the family/reporting party or their designee, and should provide contact information and the family information packet (if available) to the family/reporting party or their designee.
- (I) Providing general information to the family/reporting party or their designee about the handling of the missing person case or about any intended efforts, only to the extent that disclosure would not adversely affect the department's ability to locate or protect the missing person or to apprehend or criminally prosecute any person in connection to the case.

### 314.5 REPORT PROCEDURES AND ROUTING

Members should complete all missing person reports and forms promptly and advise the appropriate supervisor as soon as a missing person report is ready for review.

#### 314.5.1 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the supervisor shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Reviewing and approving missing person reports upon receipt.
  - (1) The reports should be promptly sent to Records.
- (b) Ensuring resources are deployed as appropriate.
- (c) Initiating a command post as needed.
- (d) Ensuring applicable notifications and public alerts are made and documented.
- (e) Ensuring that records have been entered into the appropriate missing persons networks.
- (f) Taking reasonable steps to identify and address any jurisdictional issues to ensure cooperation among agencies.

1. If the case falls within the jurisdiction of another agency, the supervisor should facilitate transfer of the case to the agency of jurisdiction.

#### 314.5.2 RECORDS RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Records receiving member shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) As soon as reasonable under the circumstances, notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction for the missing person's residence in cases where the missing person is a resident of another jurisdiction.
- (b) Notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction where the missing person was last seen.
- (C) Notifying and forwarding a copy of the report to the agency of jurisdiction for the missing person's intended or possible destination, if known.
- (d) Forwarding a copy of the report to the Investigations.
- (e) Coordinating with the NCIC Terminal Contractor for Minnesota to have the missing person record in the NCIC computer networks updated with additional information obtained from missing person investigations (34 USC § 41308).

### 314.6 INVESTIGATIONS FOLLOW-UP

In addition to completing or continuing any actions listed above, the investigator assigned to a missing person investigation:

- (a) Should ensure that the missing person's school is notified within 10 days if the missing person is a juvenile.
  - 1. The notice shall be in writing and should also include a photograph.
  - 2. The investigator should meet with school officials as appropriate to stress the importance of including the notice in the child's student file, along with the investigator's contact information if the school receives a call requesting the transfer of the missing child's files to another school.
- (b) Should recontact the reporting person and/or other witnesses within 30 days of the initial report and within 30 days thereafter to determine if any additional information has become available.
- (C) Shall review the case file to determine whether any additional information received on the missing person indicates that the person is endangered, and shall update applicable state or federal databases accordingly (Minn. Stat. § 299C.535(b); Minn. Stat. § 299C.535(c)).
- (d) Shall attempt to obtain the following, if not previously obtained, if the person remains missing after 30 days (Minn. Stat. § 299C.535(a)):
  - 1. Biological samples from family members and, if possible, from the missing person
  - 2. Dental information and X-rays
  - 3. Additional photographs and video that may aid the investigation or identification
  - 4. Fingerprints
  - 5. Any other specific identifying information
- (e) Should consider contacting other agencies involved in the case to determine if any additional information is available.
- (f) Shall verify and update the Minnesota Justice Information Services (MNJIS), the Minnesota Missing and Unidentified Persons Clearinghouse, NCIC and any other applicable missing person networks within 30 days of the original entry into the networks and every 30 days thereafter until the missing person is located (34 USC § 41308).
- (g) Should continue to make reasonable efforts to locate the missing person and document these efforts at least every 30 days.

- (h) Should consider taking certain actions if a person is missing after a prolonged period, generally exceeding 45 days. Those actions include:
  - 1. Developing a profile of the possible abductor.
  - 2. Using a truth verification device for parents, spouse and other key individuals.
  - 3. Reviewing all reports and transcripts of interviews, revisiting the crime scene, reviewing all photographs and videotapes, reinterviewing key individuals and reexamining all physical evidence collected.
  - 4. Reviewing all potential witness/suspect information obtained in the initial investigation and considering background checks on anyone of interest identified in the investigation.
  - 5. Periodically checking pertinent sources of information about the missing person for any activity, such as telephone, bank, Internet or credit card activity.
  - 6. Developing a time line and other visual exhibits.
  - 7. Critiquing the results of the ongoing investigation with appropriate investigative resources.
  - 8. Arranging for periodic media coverage.
  - 9. Considering the use of rewards and crime-stoppers programs.
  - 10. Maintaining contact with the family and/or the reporting party or designee, as appropriate.
- (i) Shall maintain a close liaison with state and local child welfare systems and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) if the missing person is under the age of 21 and shall promptly notify NCMEC when the person is missing from a foster care family home or childcare institution (34 USC § 41308).
- (j) Should make appropriate inquiry with the Medical Examiner.
- (k) Should obtain and forward medical and dental records, photos, X-rays and biological samples, as applicable.
- (I) Shall attempt to obtain the most recent photograph for persons under 18 years of age if it has not been obtained previously, forward the photograph to BCA (Minn. Stat. § 299C.54) and enter the photograph into applicable missing person networks (34 USC § 41308).
- (m) Should consider making appropriate entries and searches in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs).
- (n) In the case of an endangered missing person or a person who has been missing for an extended time, should consult with a supervisor regarding seeking federal assistance from the FBI and the U.S. Marshals Service (28 USC § 566).

### 314.7 WHEN A MISSING PERSON IS FOUND

When any person reported missing is found, the assigned officer or investigator shall document the location of the missing person in the appropriate report, notify the reporting party and other involved agencies and refer the case for additional investigation if warranted.

The officer or investigator shall ensure that, upon receipt of information that a missing person has been located, the following occurs:

- (a) A missing child's school is notified.
- (b) Entries are made in the applicable missing person networks (Minn. Stat. § 299C.53, Subd. 2).

- (c) When a child is endangered, the fact that the child has been found shall be reported within 24 hours to BCA.
- (d) Notification shall be made to any other law enforcement agency that took the initial report or participated in the investigation.

#### 314.7.1 PERSONS FOUND ALIVE

Additional responsibilities related to missing persons who are found alive include:

- (a) Verifying that the located person is the reported missing person.
- (b) If appropriate, arranging for a comprehensive physical examination of the victim.
- (C) Conducting a careful interview of the person, documenting the results of the interview and involving all appropriate agencies.
- (d) Notifying the family/reporting party that the missing person has been located. In adult cases, if the located adult permits the disclosure of his/her whereabouts and contact information, the family/reporting party may be given this information.
- (e) Depending on the circumstances of the disappearance, considering the need for reunification assistance, intervention, counseling or other services for either the missing person or family/reporting party.
- (f) Performing a constructive post-case critique. Reassessing the procedures used and updating the Department policy and procedures as appropriate.

#### 314.7.2 DECEASED PERSONS

If a deceased person has been identified as a missing person, the Investigations shall attempt to locate family members and inform them of the death and the location of the deceased missing person's remains. All efforts to locate and notify family members shall be recorded in appropriate reports and properly retained (Minn. Stat. § 390.25, Subd. 2).

Additional investigation responsibilities include the following:

- (a) Secure the crime scene if this department has jurisdiction.
- (b) Contact CID
- (c) Contact the coroner, medical examiner or forensic anthropologist to arrange for body recovery and examination.
- (d) Collect and preserve any evidence at the scene.
- (e) Depending on the circumstances, consider the need for intervention, counseling or other services for the family/reporting party.
- (f) Cancel alerts and remove the case from NCIC and other information systems; remove posters and other publications from circulation.
- (g) Perform a constructive post-case critique. Reassess the procedures used and update the department policy and procedures as appropriate.

#### 314.8 CASE CLOSURE

The assigned officer or investigator may authorize the closure of a missing person case after considering the following:

(a) Closure is appropriate when the missing person is confirmed returned or evidence matches an unidentified person or body.

- (b) If the missing person is a resident of St. Francis or this department is the lead agency, the case should be kept under active investigation for as long as the person may still be alive. Exhaustion of leads in the investigation should not be a reason for closing a case.
- (C) If this department is not the lead agency, the case can be made inactive if all investigative leads have been exhausted, the lead agency has been notified and entries are made in the applicable missing person networks, as appropriate.
- (d) A missing person case should not be closed or reclassified because the person would have reached a certain age or adulthood or because the person is now the subject of a criminal or civil warrant.

# Former Missing & Endangered Persons Policy Replaced by Lexipol Policy 314, Missing Persons.



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## 324.00 RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF MISSING & ENDANGERED PERSONS

# 324.01 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and responsibilities for the consistent response to, and investigation of, all reports of missing and endangered persons as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 299C.52, Subd. 1, (c), and (e). "Minnesota Missing Children Program"). **State mandated procedures are highlighted in bold print.** 

This policy addresses only those investigations where the missing person has been determined to be both missing and endangered.

### 324.02 POLICY

It is the policy of the St. Francis Police Department to establish guidelines and responsibilities for the consistent response to, and investigation of, all reports of missing and endangered persons as defined in MN STAT Chapter 299C.52, subd. 1 (c) and (d) ("Minnesota Missing Children and Endangered Persons' Program" referred to as Brandon's Law).

This policy addresses investigations where the person has been determined to be both missing and endangered and includes all procedures required by MN STAT 299C.52.

The St. Francis Police Department recognizes there is a critical need for immediate and consistent response to reports of missing and endangered persons. The decisions made and actions taken during the preliminary stages may have a profound effect on the outcome of the case. Therefore, this agency has established the following responsibilities and guidelines for the investigation of missing and endangered persons. All peace officers, employed by this agency, will be informed of and comply with the procedures contained in this Model Policy.

# 324.03 DEFINITIONS

**A. Missing** has the meaning given it in MN STAT 299C,52, subd. 1 (d), "The status of a person after a law enforcement agency has received a report of a missing person, has conducted a preliminary investigation, and determined that the person cannot be located".

**B. Endangered** has the meaning given it in MN STAT 299C,52, subd. 1, (c), "A law enforcement official has recorded sufficient evidence that the missing person is at risk of physical injury or death. The following circumstances indicate that a missing person is at risk of physical injury or death:

1) the person is missing as a result of a confirmed abduction or under circumstances that indicate that the person's disappearance was not voluntary;

2) the person is missing under known dangerous circumstances;

3) the person is missing more than 30 days;

4) the person is under the age of 21 and at least one other factor in this paragraph is applicable;

5) there is evidence the person is in need of medical attention or prescription medication such that it will have a serious adverse effect on the person's health if the person does not receive the needed care or medication;

6) the person does not have a pattern of running away or disappearing;

7) the person is mentally impaired:

8) there is evidence that the person may have been abducted by a noncustodial parent;

9) the person has been the subject of past threats or acts of violence;

10) there is evidence the person is lost in the wilderness, backcountry, or outdoors where survival is precarious and immediate and effective investigation and search and rescue efforts are critical; or

11) any other factor that the law enforcement agency deems to indicate that the person may be at risk of physical injury or death, including a determination by another law enforcement agency that the person is missing and endangered.

**C. Child** has the meaning given it in MN STAT 299C,52, subd. 1 (a), "Any person under the age of 18 years or any person certified or known to be mentally incompetent".

**D. NCIC** means The National Crime Information Center.

E. CJIS means The Criminal Justice Information System.

**F. DNA** means "DNA" has the meaning given it in MN STAT 299C,52, subd. 1 (b), Deoxyribonucleic acid from a human biological specimen.

# 324.04 PROCEDURES

This agency will respond according to the following six types of general procedures:

- o Initial Response
- o Initial Investigation
- o Investigation
- o 30 Day Benchmark
- Prolonged Investigation, and
- Recovery/ Case Closure

# A. INITIAL RESPONSE

- 1. As required by MN STAT 299C.53, subd. 1(a), Law Enforcement shall accept, without delay, any report of a missing person. Law enforcement shall not refuse to accept a missing person report on the basis that:
  - a) the missing person is an adult;
  - b) the circumstances do not indicate foul play;
  - c) the person has been missing for a short amount of time;
  - d) the person has been missing for a long amount of time;
  - e) there is no indication that the missing person was in the jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency at the time of the disappearance;
  - f) the circumstances suggest that the disappearance may be voluntary;
  - g) the reporting person does not have personal knowledge of the facts;
  - h) the reporting person cannot provide all of the information requested by the law enforcement agency;
  - i) the reporting person lacks a familial or other relationship with the missing person; or

j) for any other reason, except in cases where the law enforcement agency has direct knowledge that the person is, in fact, not missing, and the whereabouts and welfare of the person are known at the time the report is filed.

**2.** Dispatch an officer, to the scene, to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the person is missing, and if missing, whether the person is endangered.

**3.** Obtain interpretive services if necessary.

**4.** Interview the person who made the initial report, and if the person is a child, the child's parent(s) or guardian(s).

5. Determine when, where, and by whom the missing person was last seen.

6. Interview the individual(s) who last had contact with the person.

**7.** Obtain a detailed description of the missing person, abductor, vehicles, etc. and ask for recent photo of missing person.

**8.** Immediately enter the complete descriptive and critical information, regarding the missing and endangered person, into the appropriate category of the NCIC Missing Person File.

a) As required by 42 U.S.C. 5779(a) (Suzanne's Law) law enforcement shall immediately enter missing children less than 21 years of age into the NCIC.

b) As required by MN STAT 299C.53, subd. 1(b), if the person is determined to be missing and endangered, the agency shall immediately enter identifying and descriptive information about the person into NCIC.

**9.** Enter complete descriptive information regarding suspects/vehicle in the NCIC system.

**10.** Request investigative and supervisory assistance.

**11.** Update additional responding personnel.

**12.** Communicate known details promptly and as appropriate to other patrol units, local law enforcement agencies, and surrounding law enforcement agencies. If necessary, use The International Justice & Public Safety Network (NLETS), the Minnesota Crime Alert Network, and MNJIS KOPS Alert to alert state, regional and federal law enforcement agencies.

**13.** Notify the family of the Minnesota Missing/Unidentified Persons Clearinghouse services available.

**14.** Secure the crime scene and/or last known position of the missing person and attempt to identify and interview persons in the area at the time of the incident.

**15.** Obtain and protect uncontaminated missing person scent articles for possible use by search canines.

**16.** Activate protocols for working with the media. (AMBER Alert, Minnesota Crime Alert Network)

**17.** As required by MN STAT Chapter 299C.53, subd. 1(b), consult with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension if the person is determined to be an endangered missing person. Request assistance as necessary.

**18.** Implement multi-jurisdictional coordination/mutual aid plan as appropriate such as when:

a) the primary agency has limited resources;

b) the investigation crosses jurisdictional lines; or

c) jurisdictions have pre-established task forces or investigative teams.

**19.** Based on the preliminary investigation, determine whether or not a physical search is required.

### **B. INITIAL INVESTIGATION**

1. Conduct a canvas of the neighborhood and of vehicles in the vicinity.

- 2. Arrange for use of helpful media coverage.
- 3. Maintain records of telephone communications/messages.

4. Ensure that everyone at the scene is identified and interviewed separately.

5. Search the home, building or other area/location where the incident took place and conduct a search including all surrounding areas. Obtain consent or a search warrant if necessary.

6. Assign an investigator or officer whose duties will include coordination of the investigation.

### **C. INVESTIGATION**

**1.** Begin setting up the Command Post/Operation Base away from the person's residence. Know the specific responsibilities of the Command Post Supervisor, Media Specialist, Search Coordinator, Investigative Coordinator, Communication Officer, Support Unit Coordinator, and two liaison officers (one at the command post and one at the victim's residence). The role of the liaison at the home will include facilitating support and advocacy for the family.

**2.** Establish the ability to "trap and trace" all incoming calls. Consider setting up a separate telephone line or cellular telephone for agency use and follow up on all leads.

3. Compile a list of known sex offenders in the region.

**4.** In cases of infant abduction, investigate claims of home births made in the area.

**5.** In cases involving children, obtain child protective agency records for reports of child abuse.

**6.** Review records for previous incidents related to the missing person and prior police activity in the area, including prowlers, indecent exposure, attempted abductions, etc.

**7.** Obtain the missing person's medical and dental records, fingerprints and DNA when practical or within 30 days.

**8.** Create a Missing Persons' Profile with detailed information obtained from interviews and records from family and friends describing the missing person's heath, relationships, personality, problems, life experiences, plans, equipment, etc.

**9.** Update the NCIC file, as necessary with any additional information, regarding the missing person, suspect(s) and vehicle(s).

**10.** Interview delivery personnel, employees of gas, water, electric and cable companies, taxi drivers, post office personnel, sanitation workers, etc.

**11.** For persons' under the age of 21, contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) for photo dissemination and other case assistance.

**12.** Determine if outside help is needed and utilize local, state and federal resources related to specialized investigative needs, including:

- a) Available Search and Rescue (SAR) resources
- b) Investigative Resources
- c) Interpretive Services
- d) Telephone Services (traps, traces, triangulation, etc.)
- e) Media Assistance (Local and National)

**13.** Secure electronic communication information such as the missing person's cell phone number, email address(s) and social networking site information.

**14.** Appoint an officer who shall be responsible to communicate with the family/reporting party or their designee and who will be the primary point of contact for the family/reporting party or designee. Provide contact information and the family information packet (if available) to the family/reporting party or designee.

**15.** Provide general information to the family/reporting party or designee about the handling of the missing person case or about intended efforts in the case to the extent that the law enforcement agency determines that disclosure would not adversely affect the ability to locate or protect the missing person or to apprehend or prosecute any person(s) criminally in the disappearance

\*\*\*MISSING FOR OVER 30 DAYS\*\*\*

If the person remains missing after 30 days from entry into NCIC the local law enforcement agency will be contacted by the BCA Missing and Unidentified Persons Clearinghouse to request the following information (if not already received):

a. DNA samples from family members and, if possible, from the missing person.

b. Dental information and x-rays.

c. Additional photographs and video that may aid the investigation or identification.

d. Fingerprints.

e. Other specific identifying information.

BCA Clearinghouse personnel will enter this information into the appropriate databases. If the person is still missing after 30 days, review the case file to determine whether any additional information received on the missing person indicates that the person is endangered and update the record in NCIC to reflect the status change.

# D. PROLONGED INVESTIGATION

**1.** Develop a profile of the possible abductor.

**2.** Consider the use of a truth verification device for parents, spouse, and other key individuals.

**3.** Re-read all reports and transcripts of interviews, revisit the crime scene, review all photographs and videotapes, re-interview key individuals and re-examine all physical evidence collected.

**4.** Review all potential witness/suspect information obtained in the initial investigation and consider background checks on anyone of interest identified in the investigation.

**5.** Periodically check pertinent sources of information about the missing person for any activity such as phone, bank, internet or credit card activity.

6. Develop a time-line and other visual exhibits.

**7.** Critique the results of the on-going investigation with appropriate investigative resources.

8. Arrange for periodic media coverage.

9. Consider utilizing rewards and crime-stoppers programs.

**10.** Update NCIC Missing Person File information, as necessary.

**11.** Re-contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) for age progression assistance.

**12.** Maintain contact with the family and/or the reporting party or designee as appropriate.

# E. RECOVERY/CASE CLOSURE

# Alive

1. Verify that the located person is the reported missing person.

2. If appropriate, arrange for a comprehensive physical examination of the victim.

3. Conduct a careful interview of the person, document the results of the interview, and involve all appropriate agencies.

4. Notify the family/reporting party that the missing person has been located. (In adult cases, if the located adult permits the disclosure of their whereabouts and contact information, the family/reporting party may be informed of this information.

5. Dependent on the circumstances of the disappearance, consider the need for reunification assistance, intervention, counseling or other services for either the missing person or family/reporting party.

6. Cancel alerts (Minnesota Crime Alert, AMBER Alert, etc), remove case from NCIC (as required by MN STAT 299C.53. subd 2) and other information systems and remove posters and other publications from circulation.

7. Perform constructive post-case critique. Re-assess the procedures used and update the department's policy and procedures as appropriate.

### Deceased

1. Secure the crime scene.

2. Contact coroner, medical examiner or forensic anthropologist to arrange for body recovery and examination.

3. Collect and preserve any evidence at the scene.

4. Depending upon the circumstances, consider the need for intervention, counseling or other services for the family/reporting party or designee.

5. Cancel alerts and remove case from NCIC and other information systems, remove posters and other publications from circulation.

6. Perform constructive post-case critique. Re-assess the procedures used and update the department's policy and procedures as appropriate.

# New Lexipol Policy 325, Major Incident Notification.



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#### **Major Incident Notification**

#### 325.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to members of this department in determining when, how and to whom notification of major incidents should be made.

#### 325.2 POLICY

The St. Francis Police Department recognizes that certain incidents should be brought to the attention of supervisors or other specified personnel of this department to facilitate the coordination of activities and ensure that inquiries from the media and the public may be properly addressed.

#### 325.3 MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR NOTIFICATION

Most situations where the media show a strong interest are also of interest to the Chief of Police and the affected Department Supervisor. The following list of incident types is provided as a guide for notification and is not intended to be all inclusive:

- Homicides.
- Traffic collisions with fatalities.
- Officer-involved shooting, whether on- or off-duty (See Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths Policy for special notifications).
- School lock down incidents.
- Significant injury or death to an employee, whether on- or off-duty.
- Death of a prominent St. Francis official.
- Arrest of Department employee or prominent St. Francis official.
- Aircraft crash with major damage and/or injury or death.
- In-custody deaths.
- Any other incident, which has or is likely to attract significant media attention.

# 325.4 STAFF NOTIFICATION

In the event an incident occurs as identified in the Minimum Criteria for Notification, the Chief of Police shall be notified along with the affected Department Supervisor.