
	<b>GAITHERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
	<b>Critical Incidents</b>			
	<b>GENERAL ORDER</b>	<b>1000.1</b>		Related CALEA Standards:
	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>05/17/2016</b>		<b>46.1.1, 46.1.2, 46.1.3, 46.2.6, 46.2.7</b>
<b>Authorized by:</b>		<b>Mark P. Sroka</b> CHIEF OF POLICE	SIGNATURE <i>Mark Sroka</i>	DATE <b>05/17/2016</b>

**I. DEPARTMENT POLICY**

The Chief of Police is ultimately responsible for the planning of the Department's response to critical incidents in the City, and may designate other members to assist with the development of plans and strategies. The Chief of Police reviews and approves all critical incident response procedures and ensures all members of supervisory rank are familiar with the procedures and are prepared to implement them, if needed.

**II. DEPARTMENT RESPONSE PLANS**

**A. Purpose for Plans**

1. The Department has an All Hazards Plan. The All Hazards Plans are written from the perspective of a first-responder to provide guidance to officers who are dispatched to certain situations, or who find situations while on patrol, for which implementation of certain plans would be appropriate. The intent of these plans is to enable officers to contain a situation until the arrival of additional personnel, resources and equipment.

**B. Types of Plans**

1. The Department has contingency plans or procedures for the following:
  - Natural and Man-Made Disasters
  - Civil Disturbances
  - Hostage/Barricaded Persons
  - Bomb Threats
  - Emergency Mobilization
  - V.I.P. Protection

- Special Events

C. **Access to Department Plans**

1. All Department personnel have access to the Department All Hazards Plans (located in the Situation Map Box on the second floor of the police facility) that pertain to the above listed situations.
2. All officers of the rank of Sergeant and above are provided with binders containing all of the Department's plans and procedures.
3. The Department All Hazards Plans are reviewed annually (unless an earlier review is necessary), and updated as needed.
4. As a member of the County's Emergency Management Group (EMG), the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) ensures frequent review and revision of the City's documents and plans in the EMG's Crucial Documents File.