

Patrol Function

400.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the functions of the patrol unit of the Department to ensure intraorganizational cooperation and information sharing.

400.1.1 FUNCTION

Officers will generally patrol in clearly marked vehicles. They will patrol assigned jurisdictional areas of Louisville, identify community needs, provide support and assistance to the community, respond to calls for assistance, act as a deterrent to crime, enforce state and local laws and respond to emergencies 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Patrol will generally provide the following services within the limits of available resources:

1. Patrol that is directed at the prevention of criminal acts, traffic violations and collisions, the maintenance of public order and the discovery of hazardous situations or conditions.
2. Crime prevention activities, such as residential inspections, business inspections and community presentations.
3. Calls for service, both routine and emergency.
4. Investigation of both criminal and non-criminal acts.
5. The apprehension of criminal offenders.
6. Community Oriented Policing and problem-solving activities, such as citizen assists and individual citizen contacts of a positive nature.
7. The sharing of information between the patrol and other divisions within the Department, as well as other government agencies.
8. The application of resources to specific problems or situations within the community that may be improved or resolved by Community Oriented Policing and problem-solving strategies.
 1. Problem-solving strategies should be designed specifically to address crime and disorder issues and should include the following components:
 1. Review of the situation
 2. Identification of the problem
 3. Development of a response to address the problem
 4. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the response
9. Traffic direction and control.

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10. Response to disasters, civic unrest and natural emergencies.

11. Assist in the service of civil papers.

400.1.2 TERRORISM

The Office of Preparedness and Security (OPS) coordinates Colorado's response to terrorism (CRS § 24-33.5-1601(1)(g); CRS § 24-33.5-1606).

It is the goal of the Louisville Police Department to make every reasonable effort to accurately and appropriately gather and report any information that may relate to either foreign or domestic terrorism. Officers should advise a supervisor as soon as practicable of any activity believed to be terrorism related and should document such incidents with a written report or Field Interview (FI).

The supervisor should ensure that all terrorism-related reports and FIs are forwarded to the Detective Section supervisor in a timely fashion.

The Detective Section supervisor should forward the information as soon as practicable to the OPS Colorado Information Analysis Center.

400.2 PATROL INFORMATION SHARING PROCEDURES

The following guidelines are intended to develop and maintain intraorganizational cooperation and information flow between the various divisions of the Louisville Police Department.

400.2.1 CRIME REPORTS

A crime report may be completed by any patrol officer who receives criminal information. The report will be processed and forwarded to the appropriate division for retention or follow-up investigation.

400.2.2 PATROL BRIEFINGS

Patrol supervisors, investigative sergeants and special unit sergeants are encouraged to share information as much as reasonably possible. All supervisors and/or officers will be provided an opportunity to share information through daily patrol briefings, as time permits. At the end of each shift, the shift supervisor will prepare an e-mail summary, or end of shift summary, of the activity that occurred during the shift and forward that to all personnel.

400.2.3 BULLETIN BOARDS

A bulletin board will be kept in the briefing room for display of suspect information, investigative reports and photographs. New General Orders will be made available for patrol supervisors and will be discussed at briefings and shift meetings. A copy of the General Order will be placed on the briefing room bulletin board.

400.3 CROWDS, EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

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Officers may encounter gatherings of people, including but not limited to, civil demonstrations, civic, social and business events, public displays, parades and sporting events. Officers should monitor such events as time permits in an effort to keep the peace and protect the safety and rights of those present. A patrol supervisor should be notified when it becomes reasonably foreseeable that such an event may require increased monitoring, contact or intervention.

Officers responding to an event or gathering that warrants law enforcement involvement should carefully balance the speech and association rights of those present with applicable public safety concerns before taking enforcement action. Officers are encouraged to contact organizers or responsible persons to seek voluntary compliance that may address relevant public safety/order concerns.

Officers should consider enforcement of applicable state and local laws when the activity blocks the entrance or egress of a facility or location and when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.

