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	SUBJECT		EFFECTIVE DATE
	<b>SPECIAL OPERATIONS</b>		<b>03/26/07</b>
			OVERSIGHT <b>Operations</b>
DISTRIBUTION <b>ALL MANUALS</b>	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P # 528 dated 10/11/89.		

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to identify and serve as a reference to established policy and procedure for the handling of various operations and emergencies.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Hampton Police Division to conduct special operations of an emergency or unusual nature through the proper deployment of Division personnel, utilization of available resources and established liaison with other agencies.

III. PROCEDURE:

A. On those occasions when special operations activities are required, personnel involved in the operation shall make every effort to cooperate and coordinate their activities in such a manner as to successfully resolve the situation.

B. The following activities are considered special operations:

1. Tactical Unit Operations

a. Procedure for the initial and subsequent responses to these emergencies are established and should be followed in accordance with Policy & Procedure #516 HIGH RISK SITUATIONS & CRITICAL INCIDENTS).

(1) High risk incidents requiring response beyond the normal patrol capability will often require the use of the Tactical Unit.

(2) Coverage of Disasters, Civil Disorders and/or Critical Incident Emergencies.

b. These activities shall be conducted in accordance with the Police Division's Incident Command System (P&P 515).

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## 2. Hostage Negotiations

- a. Hostage negotiations will normally be conducted by trained negotiators whenever possible.
- b. The Field Operations Commander or his designee shall be responsible for the Hostage Negotiation Team.
- c. Hostage negotiators shall be used for hostage or barricaded suspect situations and other situations where trained negotiators may be of value for the purpose of establishing communications with a suspect.
- d. Hostage negotiations shall be conducted in accordance with Policy & Procedure #524 (HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS).

## 3. Decoy Operations

- a. Generally, decoy operations will be conducted by the Investigative Service under the direction of the Field Operations Commander.
- b. Decoy operations will be conducted in accordance with Policy & Procedure #727 (DECOY OPERATIONS).

## 4. Undercover Surveillance and Stakeouts

- a. Undercover surveillance and stakeouts will normally be conducted by the Investigative Service under the direction of the Field Operations Commander.
- b. Officers conducting undercover surveillance and stakeout operations shall do so in accordance with Policy & Procedure #722 (SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS) and Policy & Procedure #727 (DECOY and UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS).

## 5. Bomb Threats

- a. In an effort to protect lives and property, the Police Division responds to bomb threat incidents.
- b. Bomb threat investigations will be conducted in accordance with Policy & Procedure #520 (\*BOMB THREATS).

## 6. Bomb Disposal

Procedures for handling explosives and confiscation of such devices shall be conducted in accordance with Policy & Procedure #521 (BOMB DISPOSAL).

## 7. Coverage of Special Events

- a. The Police Division is often required to provide traffic direction, crowd and crime control activities at special events.
  - b. Planning and coordination of police operations associated with the event shall be the responsibility of a designated Unit Commander.
  - c. These activities shall be accomplished in accordance with Policy & Procedure #525 (SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING AND COORDINATION).
8. Dignitary Protection
- a. The Field Operations Commander or his designee shall be responsible for dignitary protection assignments.
  - b. These assignments shall normally be fulfilled by Personnel of the Tactical Unit.
  - c. Dignitary operations shall be conducted in accordance with Policy & Procedure #526 (DIGNITARY PROTECTION).

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