



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS



510.06 EMERGENCY RESPONSE – POLICE AND FIRE 02-16-17

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the emergency response of police and fire.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento Police Department to provide timely and appropriate emergency service to the citizens of Sacramento without committing unnecessary personnel and equipment.

PROCEDURE

A. POLICE AND FIRE RESPONSE

When police and fire personnel are present at any emergency scene, the ranking officer of each department will be responsible for cooperatively and expeditiously completing the necessary first aid and other required activities as efficiently as possible.

B. POLICE RESPONSE

1. The Police Department shall be in command at criminal incidents. Upon arrival at the crime scene, the ranking police officer is in command, and information shall be exchanged through the appropriate chain of command. It is essential that the Police Department be free to focus its efforts on eliminating the criminal hazard.
2. An emergency response may include, but is not limited to
 - a. An incomplete call.
 - b. A disturbance or threat of disturbance.
 - c. A shooting.
 - d. A stabbing.
 - e. A death.
 - f. A suicide.
 - g. An overdose.
 - h. An injury on City property.

C. FIRE RESPONSE

1. The Fire Department is designated as the first responder to injury traffic collisions and has primary scene control for the purpose of rendering first aid, extinguishing fires, or preventing fires.
2. On extrication calls (i.e. trapped person), the Fire Department shall be in control of the method and procedure implemented. If the extrication is to remove deceased persons, the Police Department shall be in control until the arrival of the coroner, who shall direct the extrication of deceased persons.