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### **Considerations With Assisting Specialized Units**

At some point in time you will be asked to assist one of the many specialized units the Sheriff's Department either runs, is a part of or an allied agency. With that being said, understand that if you are asked to assist there are a few things you can do as a deputy and a supervisor that will help with communication. Remember Sheriff's Policy and Procedure. If ask to assist a unit or another agency our policy takes precedence over the agency you are assisting. If asked to respond in an expedited manner, remember the reasons we can drive "Code 3" per California Vehicle Code 21055.

#### **Definition of a Code 3 Emergency Response-Department Policy and Procedure 5.1**

"The vehicle is being driven in response to an emergency situation or while engaged in rescue operations or is being used in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law (21055 CVC).

Section 21055 CVC does not relieve deputies from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway, nor does this section protect deputies from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of the privileges granted (21056 CVC).

When a vehicle is being operated in a Code 3 manner, the deputy driving shall sound the siren as reasonably necessary, and shall use the emergency lights at all times while responding code three to a fire, responding to an emergency, engaged in a rescue operation or in pursuit of an actual or suspected law violator."

#### **Communication**

Meet with the unit or agency that is requesting assistance to get as much information about the call before responding. Inform your supervisor of the call you have been requested to assist with. Make sure everyone that is responding knows their job.

## **Supervisor Responsibilities-Department Policy and Procedure 6.116**

Constantly monitor the radio.

"The Sheriff's supervisor is responsible for ensuring that all personnel adhere to applicable legal policy and procedure guidelines.

When an outside agency requests assistance in serving a search/arrest warrant or conducting a 4th waiver search or parole search where forced entry is anticipated, the supervisor (or representative) from the requesting agency will meet with a Sheriff's supervisor to discuss the proposed mission prior to any enforcement action.

The Sheriff's supervisors will review the written operational plan prepared by the requesting agency to ensure that all "high risk" issues have been appropriately addressed as set forth in the Sheriff's High Risk Entry Check List (Form SO-101), and that all deputies are appropriately deployed.

The Sheriff's supervisor may decline to participate if the requesting agency's plans for the execution of the mission do not meet established Sheriff's Department standards for the operation.

It is recognized that, on occasion, personnel may be requested to assist other law enforcement agencies during exigent situations where strict compliance with this policy could adversely impact the safety of others. Personnel will not be expected to comply with this policy if doing so would delay or hamper their ability to prevent human death or injury. Exigent circumstances involving the threat of evidence destruction alone shall not be grounds for noncompliance. Deputies assigned to task force operations or joint special investigations will continue to operate at the direction of their direct supervisors and/or applicable memorandums of understanding."

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