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Policy

The Detroit Police Department is often called upon to provide security and police services for a number of special events. A specific plan will be developed for each event. The plan will include measures to ensure the safe and orderly flow of traffic and adequate safety for those participating or attending these events.

Procedure

1. When the President or a presidential nominee has occasion to visit the city of Detroit, such visit is usually an indication that motorcade will be involved from one (1) of the three (3) area airports to downtown Detroit. This courtesy would also be extended to a visiting "head of state" of a foreign nation upon the request of the United States Department of State.
2. During such motorcade, it is vitally important that police personnel cover freeway overpasses along the route. There are three (3) basic reasons why these overpasses are covered:
 - a. To inspect the bridge and area for explosive devices;
 - b. To deny a prime observation site for those who may wish to do harm to the dignitary involved; and
 - c. To prevent any pedestrian from occupying the overpass at such time that the motorcade passes under it.
3. Officers assigned to overpass details during such motorcades shall observe the following guidelines without exception:
 - a. Prior to the motorcade passing the viaduct, the area shall be closely inspected for suspicious parcels and any hazardous conditions in the vicinity;
 - b. As the motorcade approaches the viaduct, the bridge shall be kept clear of all pedestrians, particularly that portion directly overhead of where the motorcade will pass;
 - c. *Officers assigned to the motorcade shall dismount and investigate any stowed vehicle along the freeway route.*
 - d. *The viaduct must be clear of vehicular traffic. Officers shall investigate any stowed vehicles. The viaduct traffic shall be released via Command Post; and*
 - a. Officers shall maintain a military appearance at all times while on such assignments.

Responsibilities of Tactical Operations

Tactical Operations shall review weekly *petitions* and, if assignment of outside personnel is required, they shall submit an Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568) through official channels to the Chief of Police requesting that an executive member of the Department be designated to serve as Incident Commander for each special event.

Responsibilities of the Incident Commander

1. The Incident Commander, having been designated by *Tactical Operations*, in conjunction with *Tactical Operations*, plan, coordinate and determine the personnel necessary for assignment to the special event.
2. *Tactical Operations* shall prepare appropriate operational orders for the event and shall forward these to the *Chief's Neighborhood Liaison* and any deputy chief whose bureau has been designated to provide personnel for the event.
3. The *Chief's Neighborhood Liaison* and the concerned deputy chiefs shall designate which commands from within their bureaus will provide the necessary personnel. This information shall be forwarded to *Tactical Operations* on an Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568), so that *Tactical Operations* can coordinate the activities of all commands concerned.
4. The Incident Commander shall supervise the overall operations of the event in accordance with the established operational order. The Incident Commander shall appoint an assistant Incident Commander to assume supervision at the event when the Incident Commander is absent.

Updates to the Department Manual are forthcoming.

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