

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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I. Purpose

To establish a referral directory for citizens in need of diversion out of the criminal justice system to services or support from social service agencies, charitable organizations or other public agencies.

II. Execution

- A. Agency personnel are often asked to provide advice and/or assistance in non-law enforcement matters, diversion or follow up for victims of crimes. The directory is produced for the information and guidance of all concerned.
- B. Police personnel should evaluate all circumstances of a situation and refer the citizens to the proper agency or service that can be best meet the need.
- C. Officers should also supply a phone number and address of the service to the citizen, if necessary.

This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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