

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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I. Purpose

To establish a standard operating procedure for the security of VIP's who visit the City of Covington.

II. Responsibilities

- A. The Chief of Police shall have overall responsibility for the supervision of the agency security detail and coordination with the appropriate security agency assigned to the VIP.
- B. The Chief shall appoint the Patrol Captain to coordinate personnel deployment for security.

III. Concept of Operation

Prior to the arrival of any VIP, advance notice must be received from the responsible security agency in order to effect planning. Planning activity will include the following, as a minimum:

- A. Consultation with local, state and federal intelligence agencies for known or suspected personalities residing in the Covington area who might pose a security threat to the VIP.
- B. Coordinate the itinerary of the VIP with other adjacent law enforcement agencies that might be affected.
- C. Arrange for primary and alternate motor routes within the city.
- D. Inspect buildings and concealment sites along motor routes and at destination prior to VIP arrival.
- E. Alert Covington Fire/Rescue of impending VIP visits for possible emergency medical response.
- F. Piedmont Newton Hospital is designated as a primary emergency medical receiving point.

- G. All officers assigned to VIP security duty will be equipped with bullet proof vests.
- H. ESU members shall be placed at strategic vantage points and equipped with rifles. Officers assigned to close security will wear concealed firearms if in civilian clothing or department issued firearms if in uniform.
- I. Communication: All agency personnel assigned to VIP escort duty will be equipped with portable radios. Frequencies are as follows:
 - 1. Primary – Covington PD frequency
 - 2. Alternate – Special Ops channel, CEVENT1, etc.
- J. Identification: The CID Captain will coordinate methods of identification of escort officers not in uniform with other participating agencies.
- K. Special vehicle requirements: Armored or other special vehicle requirements will be coordinated with the VIP escort agency in sufficient time prior to the VIP arrival, if a need exists.

This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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