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AMENDS:			

1.0 POLICY/PURPOSE:

1.1 It shall be the duty of the first responding officer on the scene of an emergency to establish a command post.

2.0 DEFINITION:

2.1 **Command Post** – A temporary headquarters established at or near the scene of an emergency.

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Upon arrival at the scene of an emergency, the officer shall establish a command post by utilizing one of the available officer vehicles.
- 3.2 The officer shall select a location that will give a commanding view of the scene, but not at a location that may endanger the vehicle or its occupants.
- 3.3 The supervisor in-charge shall designate one responding officer to maintain a log of the events of the emergency as they occur.
- 3.4 He/She shall designate another responding officer to be a "runner," whose primary function is to gather any necessary information that may be needed in or around the scene.
- 3.5 Once the supervisor in-charge has established the Command Post, he/she shall remain with it and not leave it until relieved or until the emergency situation has ceased to exist.
- 3.6 The Mobile Command Post may be put into operation when events at the emergency situation require it and upon direction of an Assistant Chief of Police.

4.0 CHAIN OF COMMAND

- 4.1 The chain of command at the scene of an emergency situation may transfer from the first responding officer to the Chief of Police.
- 4.2 The highest ranking zone member shall be deemed to have assumed command upon arrival at the Command Post after having been apprised of the situation.
- 4.3 The subordinate supervisor who was in-charge shall be relieved of command and shall be released for other duties upon orders of the supervisor who has assumed command.
- 4.4 The zone supervisor in-charge of the command post shall be in complete command of the emergency.
- 4.5 Officers of higher or equal rank, and equipment and personnel from other zones committed to the emergency shall be under the command of the zone supervisor in-charge of the command post.
- 4.6 The commander of the zone or his/her immediate subordinate supervisor may make the decision to turn supervision of the incident over to the SWAT Tactical Commander. Communications will be notified of this change in command.

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