

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
TASK FORCE OPERATIONS		
POLICY AND PROCEDURE 3.2.8		
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1.Criteria for Task Forces

PURPOSE: To establish the function and delineate the responsibility of task force operations mutually involving this department and outside agencies.

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY: Investigations Bureau Major

POLICY: Whenever circumstances dictate, this department may participate in task force operation efforts with a combination of agencies within the same concurrent or adjoining jurisdiction to identify specific kinds of crime/offenses, their place and time(s) of occurrence, and the type of deployment needed (considering equipment, supplies, etc.) to affect criminal apprehension or restore law and order.

PROCEDURE:

1. CRITERIA FOR TASK FORCES

- a. Whenever appropriate, a Bureau Major (dependant on nature of task) shall designate the appropriate supervisor as coordinator of appropriate manpower to implement a task force operation or to join an established task force operation.
- b. The purpose of such task force(s) operation is to effectively investigate criminal activity and cause a successful conclusion which may lead to arrests of the violators, recovery/return of stolen property, seizure of contraband, and other acts necessary for criminal prosecution.
- c. Task forces by this department may be used when:
 - i. Additional manpower is required to complete investigations of a complex criminal act or a series of related crimes, (i.e., rape, homicide, narcotics, robberies, burglaries, etc.).
 - ii. When a series of criminal acts cause serious community tension/concerns in a specific location within the city.
 - iii. When directed by the Chief of Police to assist another requesting agency.
- d. The appropriate supervisor may cause the appropriate manpower/person(s) to participate in a task force operation within another agency(ies) having the same concurrent or adjoining jurisdiction and the same goal of criminal apprehension of violators of specific crime types/offenses.
- e. The designated supervisor shall utilize those resources (manpower, equipment, supplies, vehicles, etc.) necessary to reach a successful conclusion in the goal of the task force(s).
- f. The results of such task force operations, it effectiveness and usefulness will be evaluated and reported on by the designated supervisor.
- g. The evaluation will be forwarded to the appropriate Bureau Major via the chain of command in a timely manner.
- h. The appropriate Bureau Major shall provide such evaluation to the Division Assistant Chief and Chief of Police.
- i. The designated supervisor responsibilities will include:

- i. Developing or approving a plan of action to be followed during the investigation.
- ii. Identifying personnel to be used in the task force.
- iii. Scheduling personnel and making specific work assignments.
- iv. Identifying resources needed and making them available for task force use.
- v. Evaluating the results obtained and determining the necessity to continue or discontinue the program.
- vi. Providing general supervision of personnel during the time frame of the operation.

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