

PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE DEPARTMENT		
REPORTS OF HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS BY POLICE		
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PURPOSE: To ensure the timely dissemination of information concerning hazardous persons and situations to those officers who are most likely to encounter such subjects or situations.

SCOPE: All Members

REVIEW RESPONSIBILITY: Patrol Operations Bureau Major

POLICY: Knowledge of a police hazard helps officers perform more effectively. Though hazards may be permanent or temporary and may vary hourly, daily, or seasonally, the agency should attempt to identify as many as possible and should determine which patrol techniques will most efficiently counteract them. Some of the methods that can be used for disseminating information on hazards include posting information in central locations, publishing a daily bulletin, and/or announcing hazards at roll call.

1. PROCEDURE

- a. The following identifies those acceptable methods used for sharing information concerning police hazards.
 - i. Special enforcement form for problem areas -All officers in the field will identify potentially hazardous persons or situations by completing a special enforcement form. Such information may be obtained from citizens by telephone or letter and should be documented on the special enforcement form and forwarded to the Patrol Operations Bureau Major via the appropriate Sergeant.
 - ii. Intelligence transmittal form -All officers in the field will identify and/or gather information through observation or subsequent interview of suspicious persons and/or circumstances and document such information on the intelligence transmittal form. Such information will be forwarded to the intelligence unit/section of the Investigations Bureau Major. Specific intelligence information may be recorded from an interview or observation on the street; on a person arrested for an offense; on a person who is a suspect in a crime but is not arrested and about a person, group, organization or business that is suspected of being involved in any criminal activity.
 - iii. Computer aided dispatch system -The CAD system is capable of flagging addresses where potential hazards exist. The dispatchers are able to use this information to inform responding officers that a potential hazard exists. Situations that pose potential or actual police hazards at specific addresses within the city should be flagged and the appropriate Sergeant should be notified. The information received from field personnel should include the address and nature of the police hazard. These addresses will be reviewed annually for purging purposes.
- b. The above methods of receiving information do not preclude officers from notifying their Sergeant of newly discovered police hazards of either a short-term or long-term nature. The Sergeant may then notify all units in the field via dispatch operations; and notify the on-coming shift personnel.

2. GLOSSARY

Police Hazard - Any situation, person, property or place that may induce an incident calling for some police action.

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