The purpose of this policy is to establish event deconfliction for undercover and high risk incidents to enhance officer safety, reduce risk, and encourage the effective use of critical resources.

I. POLICY

The policy of the Department is to engage in event deconfliction to avoid dangerous confrontations and/or unintentional consequences for law enforcement personnel by entering qualifying events into any Nationwide Officer Safety Event Deconfliction System such as SAFETNet, RISSafe, and/or Case Explorer. All Nationwide Systems cross reference each other. In most instances this policy will not apply to general patrol level investigations, but will assist in ongoing drug, gang, and vice-related investigations as well as high-profile crimes.

II. DEFINITION

Deconfliction: A process of notifying a central location of a planned event prior to its execution, which will enhance officer safety by preventing officers from accidentally targeting another law enforcement officer or compromising another investigation.

III. QUALIFYING EVENTS

Any tactical activity or operation that requires a personal appearance at a predetermined location should be entered into the event deconfliction system. This does not apply to critical incidents. These activities include, but are not limited to:

A. The service of search warrants involving potentially life-threatening circumstances;

B. The pre-planned arrest of a person immediately after he or she has delivered or received, or attempted to deliver or receive, contraband to or from an officer or informant (buy-busts, reverse sting operations, controlled drug deliveries, etc.);

C. The service of high risk arrest warrants through the utilization of the SWAT team;

D. Fugitive operations which are operational (roundups);
E. Long term covert operations (storefronts);

F. Any other high-risk or specialized law enforcement activities or events that would benefit from event deconfliction;

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Personnel conducting events as described above should ensure that these events are entered into the event deconfliction system either online or by telephone. All events requiring entry into the event deconfliction system should be made as soon as information is available, but at least two hours prior to the event taking place, if possible. Information entered into the deconfliction system should include at a minimum:

1. Date and time of the event
2. Type of event
3. Location of the event, including staging areas (if known)
4. Information about the suspect(s)
5. Participating agency names
6. Name and contact information of the assigned officer, along with a secondary point of contact for the operation.
7. Specify the radius of deconfliction (if not preset by the deconfliction system).

B. Personnel should attempt to contact/notify any local jurisdictions or agencies who may not participate in an event deconfliction system that may be affected when feasible. Department personnel should also communicate with other units involved in similar types of specialized investigations within the Department.

C. In the event the deconfliction system identifies a potential conflict for a planned operation, the assigned officer should immediately contact the identified agency and resolve any conflict that might exist before the planned operation is initiated.

D. Sworn personnel that conduct any investigative operations described in this policy should contact MCS and have the event deconflicted.

V. AUTHORIZED USERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

A. Authorized users are personnel with assignments that may require them to perform event deconfliction.

B. At a minimum, the following supervisors/management personnel should be registered as agency administrators with the deconfliction system:

1. S.W.A.T. Supervision
2. Narcotics Supervision
3. Intelligence Supervision
VI. TARGET AND INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION DECONFLICTION

Event deconfliction applies to geographical conflicts that occur at the same time and in the same proximity. Target and investigative activity deconfliction applies to subjects, gangs, locations, telephone numbers, vehicles, and other investigative information about criminal activity.

Upon opening an investigation on any crime, information shall be queried and/or stored through available national, regional, or local systems to determine whether another agency has an ongoing investigation with common investigative information, to reduce parallel investigations and to promote investigative collaboration. If a conflict is discovered in either target or investigative activity, contact shall be made with the other agency to resolve and coordinate issues and information.