I. Purpose

This Directive establishes a procedure for making notifications to federal law enforcement agencies and the National Guard.

II. Policy

It is the policy of this Division to work closely with federal law enforcement agencies and to ensure that timely notifications are made to affected agencies when necessary.

III. Procedures

A. Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

1. When it is determined that federal law enforcement assistance is needed/required, the highest ranking officer at the scene will notify the on-duty supervisor prior to requesting federal assistance.

2. The on-duty supervisor will ensure that the Watch Commander, the Assistant Chief, Patrol Branch and the Public Information Officer are notified immediately of the request for federal assistance.

3. If it is determined that a particular federal law enforcement agency is needed for a particular emergency or incident, the highest ranking officer may contact the appropriate federal agency. Officers must be mindful of the fact that cellular phones are not a secure means of communications and the conversation may be intercepted by citizens with scanners.

4. If there is no telephone access, the request will be made through the Communications Section (COMSEC), which will provide clear and concise information about the incident and what specialized equipment the federal agency will need.

5. The incidents listed below require Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) notification by COMSEC. Notification should be made as soon as possible after the incident has been confirmed.

6. In the matrix below, COMSEC will automatically notify the appropriate federal agency upon receipt of a call alleging an incident has occurred and the investigating officer (I/O) will be responsible for confirmation and notification of details from the scene:

- Bomb threats
- Bomb plantings
- Actual bombings

  COMSEC
- Robbery or Burglary of a federally insured institution (Credit Union, etc.)  COMSEC
- Crime against a diplomat or member of his/her family  I/O
- Extortion by mail, phone, or involving interstate travel  I/O
- Theft of federally owned property  I/O
- Kidnapping  I/O
- Any crime or intelligence matter affecting the internal security of the United States  I/O
- Civil rights violations  I/O
- When an in-custody NCIC inquiry reveals the individual is wanted by the F.B.I.  COMSEC
- Theft of valuable works of art  I/O
- Burglaries over $100,000.00 when the property is easily traceable because of its quantity or value  I/O

B. National Guard

1. Public Safety Article – Title 14 of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the Governor to order the National Guard into service during times of public crisis, disaster, rioting, catastrophe, or similar public emergency.

2. By law, only the County Executive may request National Guard assistance through the Maryland State Police.

3. If it is determined by the highest ranking officer at the scene of an emergency situation or incident that the National Guard is necessary, the officer will consult with the on-duty supervisor, Watch Commander, and the Assistant Chief, Patrol Branch.
4. If the consultation confirms the need for National Guard assistance, the Assistant Chief or Watch Commander will notify the Chief, Park Police Division, and the Chief will notify the County Executive so that a request can be made to the Governor, via the Maryland Emergency Management and Civil Defense Agency and Adjutant General. The on-duty supervisor will ensure that the Public Information Officer is notified.

5. When authorized by the Governor, the Maryland National Guard will support local law enforcement activities, provide additional communications equipment, assist in evacuation operations and support other operations.

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