

St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department



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I. Policy

The Chief of Police is responsible for monitoring, directing, or controlling, as necessary, the resources of the St. Joseph Police Department to ensure that quality of law enforcement services are maintained in the community. An Acting Chief of Police (ACP) will be designated to act in place of the Chief of Police during occasions when the Chief is unavailable (i.e., vacations, out-of-town training, holidays, etc.). Only commissioned members of the Executive Staff (Commanders) are eligible to serve as the ACP.

II. Procedure

A. Scheduling:

The Chief of Police will assign one Commander to serve as the ACP during his absence.

B. Responsibilities:

The Chief of Police/ACP is required to:

1. Remain in the St. Joseph area or be able to be at the Law Enforcement Center within a reasonable period of time.
2. Refrain from any activity that would significantly impair his/her ability to perform as a law enforcement official.
3. Be available to all Divisions and the Communications Center while acting in this capacity.

C. Specific Duties:

1. The Chief of Police/ACP is to be notified and/or respond at the request of a Division/Watch Commander including, but not limited to, the following situations:
 - a. When a sworn or civilian member is seriously injured, killed, or relieved of duty.
 - b. Major fires, blizzards, floods, tornadoes, or other disasters;
 - c. Homicides, suspicious deaths or suicides:

- d. Serious assaults (i.e., stabbing, shooting, rapes, or other similar events likely to generate significant public interest, etc.);
 - e. Use of force resulting in serious injury to a suspect;
 - f. Firearms discharged by or at police (training and animal dispatch exceptions)
 - g. Other events requiring unusual responses or that are likely to result in significant media interest or increased liability for the department.
2. The ACP will notify the Chief of Police of major events or situations of a politically sensitive nature and of any serious injuries to personnel. The ACP will also notify the affected commander/other supervisors of significant events involving their personnel.
 3. The appropriate division commander will report (report may be verbal) to the ACP concerning any major event(s) occurring during the ACP's service period.

D. Equipment

ACPs will utilize their regular department-provided equipment during their service period (i.e., vehicle, hand-unit, and pager).

Chris Connally, Chief of Police

Date