



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania

Policy 3-03

Policy Title: 24-Hour Availability of Specialized Personnel

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Rescinds: None

By Authority of:

Chief of Police

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the notification of personnel necessary for the collection of evidence, the investigation of crime scenes, the investigation of fatal or serious injury vehicle crashes, and any other incident requiring specially trained personnel.

II. Policy

The Springfield Township Police Department provides police services on a 24-hour basis; therefore, it is necessary to establish a procedure for contacting appropriate off-duty personnel to respond to special situations requiring their expertise. It is the policy of this department that specialized officers shall be subject to call to duty at any time for incidents which require their expertise.

III. Command Staff

No less than one member of the command staff (Lieutenant and the Chief of Police) shall be available by phone at any given time in a 24-hour period.

- A. During normal working hours command officers may respond to incidents, as needed.
- B. During off-duty hours, command officers shall:
 - 1. Field notifications from the department as set forth by policy, and respond to incidents, as deemed necessary.
 - 2. Be available to respond to an incident upon notification or request.

3. Arrange for coverage by another command officer, or another officer so chosen by the Chief of Police, or his designee, should command officers be unable to be available due to personal leave or other similar reason.

IV. Detectives

Detectives may respond to investigate crime scenes of major incidents such as, but not limited to, homicides, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults, arsons, rapes, and assaults. Supervisors are permitted to contact Detectives directly for guidance on a case and / or request for them to respond to an incident.

- A. The shift supervisor shall ensure that the crime scene is secure until relieved by an investigator.
- B. This protocol does not supersede the shift supervisor's responsibility to ensure notifications to command officers are made in accordance with department policy.

V. Crash Reconstruction

In cases of fatal or serious injury crashes, officers who are trained in crash reconstruction and advanced crash investigation shall be contacted to respond to the scene. In cases of fatal or serious injury crashes whereby it appears that one or more drivers may have driven in a grossly negligent manner that may result in charges being filed, the officers shall contact Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Services (MCEDS) to request that the on-call Lieutenant with the Montgomery County Detective Bureau (MCDB) be notified for a call back and assessment of the necessity of additional resources. The shift supervisor shall ensure that the crash scene is secure until relieved by the crash reconstruction team.

VI. Evidence Collection

Officers who are trained in the collection, preservation, and processing of evidence shall be contacted to respond to the scene of major incidents. Evidence collection officers are provided by a county-wide team. Officers requiring this resource should contact MCEDS to request their response. The shift supervisor, shall ensure that the scene is secure and that evidence is preserved until the arrival of the evidence collection officer/s, who shall assume responsibility for the evidence.

VII. Montgomery County Detective Bureau

The decision to request the assistance of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau will be made by the Chief of Police, or his designee. Incident Command procedures should be followed while these units are working at a scene.

VIII. Other Specialized Officers

Officers shall consult with the Chief of Police when there is a question as to the need for specialized personnel outside of those listed above.

X. List of Specialized Officers

A list of STPD personnel who are specialized officers in the areas described above is attached to this policy.

Springfield Township Police Department Specialized Personnel

Command Staff

Chief Michael Pitkow

Lieutenant Rebecca Mersky

County Major Incident Response Team

Sergeant Shawn Hart

Sergeant Christian Wilbur

Detective Corporal Robert Chiarlanza

Officer R. Calvin Wiley

Detectives

Detective Corporal Robert Chiarlanza

Detective Robert Baiada

Detective Stephen Craig

SWAT – Central Region Team

Operator

Sergeant Sean Badolato

Corporal Christopher Calhoun

Negotiator

Lieutenant Rebecca Mersky

Traffic Safety Division

Sergeant Shawn Hart – Crash Reconstructionist

Detective Corporal Robert Chiarlanza – Crash Reconstructionist

Officer R. Calvin Wiley – Advanced Crash Investigation