JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT	2-11 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE
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I. POLICY

The department's community-oriented policing philosophy involves a range of practical methods to control crime while relying on community involvement and support. The department's promotion of democratic values, accountability, and integrity require communication with the community. Without this communication, the department cannot respond to the priorities of our citizens. Establishing and maintaining an effective liaison and open channels of communication between the department, neighboring law enforcement, criminal justice, and social services agencies are essential first steps to sustaining cooperation and good will. This liaison can break down barriers resulting in savings and improved law-enforcement operations.

II. PURPOSE

To establish procedures and responsibilities for the liaison, and maintaining communication between the department, neighboring law enforcement, and other criminal justice or social service agencies, both public and private.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Relationships with other criminal justice agencies

1. All department personnel shall maintain harmonious working relations and communication with the city attorney, city prosecutor, public defender, all courts and court clerks, local probation and parole officers, jail staff, juvenile and juvenile detention officers, victim advocacy shelters and organizations, and all other criminal justice agencies. The department shall provide all possible information, assistance, and support to these agencies allowed by law.

    a. Any serious policy or procedural problems or differences with another agency or its personnel that cannot be resolved through normal channels shall be brought to the attention of the chief of police who will meet with appropriate personnel of those agencies to resolve the problems.

    b. Any criminal cases referred to the prosecuting attorney which result in a decision not to prosecute or to dismiss due to department mishandling, shall be carefully reviewed and appropriate corrective action taken when possible. Officers/Investigators should work closely with the prosecuting attorney in an effort to develop strong prosecutable cases.

2. All employees of the department shall assist and cooperate with all federal, state, and local law- enforcement agencies in every way possible allowed by law.

B. Social Services: Referrals (1.2.6)

1. Officers of the department often encounter adult or juvenile citizens who need specialized help that the department cannot give, e.g., marriage counseling, mental health counseling, welfare assistance, assistance in handling civil matters. When, in the best judgment of an officer, this situation arises, he or she shall refer the citizen to the most qualified social agency to deal with the problem, or consult his/her supervisor. This is not to be confused with referring professional services as prohibited in SOG 2-05, rules of conduct.

C. Responsibilities in Enforcement of State and Federal Immigration Laws

1. All members of the Joplin Police Department shall cooperate with State and Federal agencies charged with enforcing immigration laws.

2. Any member of the Joplin Police Department who has contact with a representative of any State or Federal agency engaged in the enforcement of immigration laws concerning possible violations of such laws shall notify their immediate supervisor who will then notify their Bureau Captain as soon as practical.

IV. COMPLIANCE

Violations of this policy, or portions thereof, may result in disciplinary action as described in the City of Joplin's Personnel Rules or the Joplin Police Department's Rules and Regulations and General Orders. Members of the Joplin Police Department, while assigned to or assisting other agencies shall comply with this policy.

V. APPLICATION

This document constitutes department policy, is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an employee's civil or criminal liability in any way. It shall not be construed as the creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims insofar as the employee's legal duty as imposed by law. Violations of this policy, if proven, can only form a basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.