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Chapter 8 - Support Services

Crime Analysis

800.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Crime analysis should provide currently useful information to aid operational personnel in meeting their tactical crime control and prevention objectives by identifying and analyzing methods of operation of individual criminals, providing crime pattern recognition, and providing analysis of data from field interrogations and arrests. Crime analysis can be useful to the Department's long range planning efforts by providing estimates of future crime trends and assisting in the identification of enforcement priorities.

800.2 DATA SOURCES

Crime analysis data is extracted from many sources including, but not limited to:

- Crime reports
- Field Interview cards
- Parole and Probation records
- Computer Aided Dispatch data
- Statewide Integrated Traffic Reporting System (SWITRS)

800.3 CRIME ANALYSIS FACTORS

The following minimum criteria should be used in collecting data for Crime Analysis:

- Frequency by type of crime
- Geographic factors
- Temporal factors
- Victim and target descriptors
- Suspect descriptors
- Suspect vehicle descriptors
- Modus operandi factors
- Physical evidence information

800.4 CRIME ANALYSIS DISSEMINATION

For a crime analysis system to function effectively, information should be disseminated to the appropriate units or persons on a timely basis. Information that is relevant to the operational and tactical plans of specific line units should be sent directly to them. Information relevant to the development of the Department's strategic plans should be provided to the appropriate staff units. When information pertains to tactical and strategic plans, it should be provided to all affected units.

Property and Evidence

804.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides for the proper collection, storage, and security of evidence and other property. Additionally, this policy provides for the protection of the chain of evidence and identifies those persons authorized to remove and/or destroy property.

804.2 DEFINITIONS

Property - Includes all items of evidence, items taken for safekeeping and found property.

Evidence - Includes items taken or recovered in the course of an investigation that may be used in the prosecution of a case. This includes photographs and latent fingerprints.

Safekeeping - Includes the following types of property:

- Property obtained by the Department for safekeeping such as a firearm
- Personal property of an arrestee not taken as evidence
- Property taken for safekeeping under the authority of law (e.g., Welfare and Institutions Code § 5150 (mentally ill persons))

Found property - Includes property found by an employee or citizen that has no apparent evidentiary value and where the owner cannot be readily identified or contacted.

804.3 PROPERTY HANDLING

Any employee who first comes into possession of any property shall retain such property in his/her possession until it is properly packaged and placed in the designated property locker or storage room. Care shall be taken to maintain the chain of custody for all evidence.

Where ownership can be established as to found property with no apparent evidentiary value, such property may be released to the owner without the need for booking. The Field Property Receipt must be completed to document the release of property not booked and the owner shall sign the form acknowledging receipt of the items.

804.3.1 PROPERTY BOOKING PROCEDURE

All property must be booked prior to the employee going off-duty unless otherwise approved by a supervisor. Employees accepting property from citizens are required to issue the citizen a Field Property Receipt. Employees booking property shall observe the following guidelines:

- (a) Complete the data entry into the Bar-Coded Evidence Analysis Statistics and Tracking (B.E.A.S.T) software describing each item of property separately, listing all serial numbers, owner's name, finder's name, and other identifying information or markings.
- (b) Mark each item of evidence with the booking employee's initials and the date booked using the appropriate method so as not to deface or damage the value of the property.

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- (c) Print an evidence/property tag and attach it to each package or envelope in which the property is stored. Sign and date each printed evidence/property tag on the designated line.
- (d) The original property report shall be submitted with the case report along with the original field receipt form.
- (e) When the property is too large to be placed in a locker, the item should be placed in the large evidence deposit area. Submit the completed property record into a numbered locker indicating the location of the property.

804.3.2 NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

All narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be booked in separate packages. Paraphernalia as defined by Health & Safety Code § 11364 shall also be booked separately.

804.3.3 EXPLOSIVES

Officers who encounter a suspected explosive device shall promptly notify their immediate supervisor or the Watch Commander. The bomb squad will be called to handle explosive-related incidents and will be responsible for the handling, storage, sampling, and disposal of all suspected explosives.

Explosives will not be retained in the police facility, except for fixed ammunition. All such items including fireworks shall be stored in proper containers and in an area designated for the storage of flammable materials. The Police Evidence Technician is responsible for coordinating the release of fireworks with the authorized MPD Fire designee and transporting, on a regular basis, any fireworks or signaling devices that are not retained as evidence.

804.3.4 EXCEPTIONAL HANDLING

Certain property items require a separate process. The following items shall be processed in the described manner:

- (a) Bodily fluids such as blood or semen stains shall be air-dried prior to booking.
- (b) License plates found not to be stolen or connected with a known crime, should be released directly to the Police Evidence Technician, or placed in the designated container for return to the Department of Motor Vehicles. No formal property booking process is required.
- (c) All bicycles and bicycle frames require a property record. Property labels will be securely attached to each bicycle or bicycle frame. The property may be released directly to the Police Evidence Technician, or placed in the large evidence deposit area until a Police Evidence Technician can log the property.
- (d) All cash shall be counted in the presence of a 2nd witness employee and the envelope initialed by the booking officer and the witness. Any cash amount over \$200 will be deposited by the Police Evidence Technician into an evidence holding account upon receiving into Property.

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- (e) Serialized property must have an entry made into DOJ. A photocopy of the department case report shall be forwarded to Dispatch to complete the entry. Firearms qualifying as "crime guns" must have a 2nd entry (crime gun entry) completed in DOJ-AFS.

City property, unless connected to a known criminal case, should be released directly to the appropriate City department. No formal booking is required. In cases where no responsible person can be located, the property should be booked for found property in the normal manner.

804.3.5 RELINQUISHED FIREARMS

Individuals who relinquish firearms pursuant to the provisions of Penal Code § 29850 shall be issued a receipt that describes the firearm, the serial number or other identification of the firearm at the time of relinquishment (Penal Code § 29810).

Relinquished firearms shall be retained for a minimum of 180 days, after which time they may be destroyed unless (Penal Code § 29810):

- (a) A certificate is issued by a judge of a court of record or the District Attorney stating the firearms shall be retained; or
- (b) The convicted person provides written notice of an intent to appeal the conviction that necessitated the relinquishment; or
- (c) The Automated Firearms System indicates that the firearm was reported lost or stolen.
 - 1. In such event, the firearm shall be restored to the lawful owner as soon as it is no longer needed as evidence, the lawful owner has identified the weapon and provided proof of ownership, and the Department has complied with the requirements of Penal Code § 33850 et seq.

The Police Evidence Technician shall ensure that dispatch is notified of the relinquished firearm for purposes of updating the Automated Firearms System and the disposition of the firearm for purposes of notifying the California Department of Justice (DOJ) (See the Records Bureau Policy).

804.4 PACKAGING OF PROPERTY

Certain items require special consideration and shall be booked separately as follows:

- (a) Narcotics and dangerous drugs
- (b) Firearms (ensure they are unloaded and booked separately from ammunition)
- (c) Property with more than one known owner.
- (d) Paraphernalia as described in Health and Safety Code § 11364
- (e) Fireworks
- (f) Contraband
- (g) Currency

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804.4.1 PACKAGING CONTAINER

Employees shall package all property, except narcotics and dangerous drugs into a specific container available for its size. Knife boxes should be used to package knives with exposed blades, and syringe tubes should be used to package syringes and needles.

A property label shall be securely attached to the outside of all items or group of items packaged together.

804.4.2 PACKAGING NARCOTICS

The officer seizing narcotics and dangerous drugs shall retain such property in their possession until it is properly weighed, packaged, tagged, and placed into a temporary evidence locker. Prior to packaging and if the quantity allows, a presumptive test should be made on all suspected narcotics. If conducted, the results of this test shall be included in the officer's report.

Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall be heat sealed in a Kapak bag of appropriate size available in the evidence processing area. The booking officer shall initial and date across the heat seal. Narcotics and dangerous drugs shall not be packaged with other property.

804.5 RECORDING OF PROPERTY

The Property Clerk receiving custody of evidence or property shall update the chain of custody by scanning each item as it is received from the evidence lockers and large deposit area.

Any changes in the location of property held by the Milpitas Police Department shall be updated in the B.E.A.S.T by scanning the barcode of the new location, then scanning the barcode of each item being placed in that location noted in the property book.

804.6 PROPERTY CONTROL

Each time the Police Evidence Technician receives property or releases property to another person, he/she shall enter this information into the B.E.A.S.T chain of custody record. Officers desiring property for court shall contact the Police Evidence Technician at least five business days prior to the court day.

804.6.1 RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHER PERSONNEL

Every time property is released or received, an appropriate update into the B.E.A.S.T or Field Property Receipt (if the item is field released) shall be completed to maintain the chain of possession. No property or evidence is to be released without first receiving written authorization from the investigating officer, detective, or supervisor.

Request for analysis for items shall be completed on the appropriate lab forms and submitted to the Police Evidence Technician. This request may be filled out any time after booking of the property or evidence. Requests shall also be recorded in the Santa Clara Co Crime Lab LIMS System.

804.6.2 TRANSFER OF EVIDENCE TO CRIME LABORATORY

The Police Evidence Technician will update the property status code to reflect "To Lab" in the B.E.A.S.T.

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The requesting officer must complete the required information on the lab labels and affix to the evidence. A Chain of Custody form will be transported with the property to the examining laboratory. Upon delivering the item involved, the delivering officer will sign and date the chain of custody on the label for each item. The Chain of Custody Form will be signed by the evidence intake clerk at the lab and returned to the Police Evidence Technician for retention until all items have returned to MPD.

804.6.3 STATUS OF PROPERTY

Each person receiving property will make the appropriate entry to document the chain of evidence. Temporary release of property to officers for investigative purposes, or for court, shall be noted by updating the chain of custody record in the B.E.A.S.T.

The Police Evidence Technician shall capture the signature of the person to whom property is released, and the reason for release in the B.E.A.S.T signature line. Any employee receiving property shall be responsible for such property until it is properly returned to property or properly released to another authorized person or entity.

The return of the property should be recorded in the B.E.A.S.T chain of custody.

804.6.4 AUTHORITY TO RELEASE PROPERTY

The investigating officer or Detective Bureau shall authorize the disposition or release of all evidence and property coming into the care and custody of the Department.

804.6.5 RELEASE OF PROPERTY

All reasonable attempts shall be made to identify the rightful owner of found property or evidence not needed for an investigation.

Release of property and evidence shall be made upon receipt of an authorized Disposition Tracer. The Disposition Tracer shall be signed by the authorizing investigating officer, supervisor, or detective and must specify the specific item(s) to be released. The release of all property shall be documented in the B.E.A.S.T.

With the exception of firearms and other property specifically regulated by statute, found property shall be held for a minimum of 90 days. Safekeeping property shall be held for a minimum of 60 days. During such period, property personnel shall attempt to contact the rightful owner by telephone and/or mail when sufficient identifying information is available. Property not held for any other purpose and not claimed within 60 or 90 days after notification may be auctioned to the highest bidder at a properly published public auction. If such property is not sold at auction or otherwise lawfully claimed, it may thereafter be destroyed (Civil Code § 2080.6). The final disposition of all such property shall be fully documented in related reports.

A Field Evidence Technician shall release the property upon proper identification being presented by the owner for which an authorized release has been received. A signature of the person receiving the property shall be recorded in the B.E.A.S.T. If some items of property have not been released the case will remain open with the Property Unit.

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Under no circumstances shall any firearm, magazine, or ammunition be returned to any individual unless and until such person presents valid identification and written notification from the California Department of Justice that conforms to the provisions of Penal Code § 33865.

The Property and Evidence Unit Supervisor or authorized designee should also make reasonable efforts to determine whether the person is the subject of any court order preventing the person from possessing a firearm and if so, the firearm should not be released to the person while the order is in effect.

The Department is not required to retain any firearm, magazine, or ammunition longer than 180 days after notice has been provided to the owner that such items are available for return. At the expiration of such period, the firearm, magazine, or ammunition may be processed for disposal in accordance with applicable law (Penal Code § 33875).

804.6.6 DISPUTED CLAIMS TO PROPERTY

Occasionally more than one party may claim an interest in property being held by the Department, and the legal rights of the parties cannot be clearly established. Such property shall not be released until one party has obtained a valid court order or other undisputed right to the involved property.

All parties should be advised that their claims are civil and in extreme situations, legal counsel for the Department may wish to file an interpleader to resolve the disputed claim (Code of Civil Procedure § 386(b)).

804.6.7 CONTROL OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

The Property Unit will be responsible for the storage, control, and destruction of all narcotics and dangerous drugs coming into the custody of this department, including paraphernalia as described in Health and Safety Code § 11364.

804.6.8 RELEASE OF FIREARM IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MATTERS

Within five days of the expiration of a restraining order issued in a domestic violence matter that required the relinquishment of a firearm, the Field Evidence Technician shall make the weapon available or return the weapon to the owner if the requirements of Penal Code § 33850 and Penal Code § 33855 are met unless the firearm is determined to be stolen, evidence in a criminal investigation or the individual is otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm (Family Code § 6389(g); Penal Code § 33855).

804.6.9 RELEASE OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS IN MENTAL ILLNESS MATTERS

Firearms and other deadly weapons confiscated from an individual detained for an evaluation by a mental health professional or subject to the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code § 8100 or Welfare and Institutions Code § 8103 shall be released or disposed of as follows:

- (a) If a petition for a hearing regarding the return of a firearm or a weapon has been initiated pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102(c), the firearm or weapon shall be released or disposed of as provided by an order of the court. If the court orders a firearm returned, the firearm shall not be returned unless and until the person

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presents valid identification and written notification from the California Department of Justice (DOJ) that conforms to the provisions of Penal Code § 33865.

- (b) If no petition has been initiated pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102(c) and the firearm or weapon is not retained as evidence, the Department shall make the firearm or weapon available for return. No firearm will be returned unless and until the person presents valid identification and written notification from the California DOJ that conforms to the provisions of Penal Code § 33865.
- (c) Unless the person contacts the Department to facilitate the sale or transfer of the firearm to a licensed dealer pursuant to Penal Code § 33870, firearms not returned should be transferred, destroyed, or retained as provided in Welfare and Institutions Code § 8102.

804.6.10 RELEASE OF FIREARMS IN GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER MATTERS
Firearms and ammunition that were taken into temporary custody or surrendered pursuant to a gun violence restraining order shall be returned to the restrained person upon the expiration of the order and in accordance with the requirements of Penal Code § 33850 et seq. (Penal Code § 18120).

If the restrained person who owns the firearms or ammunition does not wish to have the firearm or ammunition returned, he/she is entitled to sell or transfer title to a licensed dealer, provided that the firearms or ammunition are legal to own or possess and the restrained person has right to title of the firearms or ammunition (Penal Code § 18120).

If a person other than the restrained person claims title to the firearms or ammunition surrendered pursuant to Penal Code § 18120 and the Milpitas Police Department determines him/her to be the lawful owner, the firearms or ammunition shall be returned in accordance with the requirements of Penal Code § 33850 et seq. (Penal Code § 18120).

Firearms and ammunition that are not claimed are subject to the requirements of Penal Code § 34000.

804.6.11 RELEASE OF FIREARMS, MAGAZINES, AND AMMUNITION

The Department shall not return any firearm, magazine, or ammunition taken into custody to any individual unless all requirements of Penal Code § 33855 are met.

804.7 DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

All property not held for evidence in a pending criminal investigation or proceeding, and held for six months or longer where the owner has not been located or fails to claim the property, may be disposed of in compliance with existing laws upon receipt of proper authorization for disposal. The Police Evidence Technician shall request a disposition or status on all property which has been held in excess of 120 days, and for which no disposition has been received from an investigating officer, supervisor or detective.

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804.7.1 EXCEPTIONAL DISPOSITIONS

The following types of property shall be destroyed or disposed of in the manner, and at the time prescribed by law, unless a different disposition is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction:

- Weapons declared by law to be nuisances (Penal Code § 29300; Penal Code § 18010; Penal Code § 32750)
- Animals, birds, and related equipment that have been ordered forfeited by the court (Penal Code § 599a)
- Counterfeiting equipment (Penal Code § 480)
- Gaming devices (Penal Code § 335a)
- Obscene matter ordered to be destroyed by the court (Penal Code § 312)
- Altered vehicles or component parts (Vehicle Code § 10751)
- Narcotics (Health and Safety Code § 11474 et seq.)
- Unclaimed, stolen, or embezzled property (Penal Code § 1411)
- Destructive devices (Penal Code § 19000)
- Sexual assault evidence (Penal Code § 680)

804.7.2 UNCLAIMED MONEY

If found or seized money is no longer required as evidence and remains unclaimed after three years, the Department shall cause a notice to be published each week for a period of two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper of general circulation (Government Code § 50050). Such notice shall state the amount of money, the fund in which it is held and that the money will become the property of the agency on a designated date not less than 45 days and not more than 60 days after the first publication (Government Code § 50051).

Any individual item with a value of less than \$15.00, or any amount if the depositor/owner's name is unknown, which remains unclaimed for a year or by order of the court, may be transferred to the general fund without the necessity of public notice (Government Code § 50055).

If the money remains unclaimed as of the date designated in the published notice, the money will become the property of this department and transferred to the general fund. Money representing restitution collected on behalf of victims shall either be deposited into the Restitution Fund or used for purposes of victim services.

804.7.3 RETENTION OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

The Property Supervisor or authorized designee shall ensure that no biological evidence held by the Department is destroyed without adequate notification to the following persons, when applicable:

- (a) The defendant
- (b) The defendant's attorney

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- (c) The appropriate prosecutor and Attorney General
- (d) Any sexual assault victim
- (e) The Detective Bureau Division supervisor

Biological evidence shall be retained for either a minimum period that has been established by law (Penal Code § 1417.9) or that has been established by the Property Supervisor, authorized designee, or until the expiration of any imposed sentence that is related to the evidence, whichever time period is greater. Following the retention period, notifications should be made by certified mail and should inform the recipient that the evidence will be destroyed after a date specified in the notice unless a motion seeking an order to retain the sample is filed and served on the Department within 180 days of the date of the notification. A record of all certified mail receipts shall be retained in the appropriate file. Any objection to, or motion regarding, the destruction of the biological evidence should be retained in the appropriate file and a copy forwarded to the Detective Bureau Division supervisor.

Biological evidence related to a homicide shall be retained indefinitely and may only be destroyed with the written approval of the Chief of Police and the head of the applicable prosecutor's office.

Biological evidence or other crime scene evidence from an unsolved sexual assault should not be disposed of prior to expiration of the statute of limitations and shall be retained as required in Penal Code § 680. Even after the expiration of an applicable statute of limitations, the Detective Bureau Division supervisor should be consulted and the sexual assault victim shall be notified at least 60 days prior to the disposal (Penal Code § 680). Reasons for not analyzing biological evidence shall be documented in writing (Penal Code § 680.3).

804.8 INSPECTIONS OF THE EVIDENCE ROOM

- (a) On a monthly basis, the supervisor of the evidence custodian shall make an inspection of the evidence storage facilities and practices to ensure adherence to appropriate policies and procedures.
- (b) Unannounced inspections of evidence storage areas shall be conducted annually as directed by the Chief of Police.
- (c) An annual audit of evidence held by the Department shall be conducted by a Division Captain (as appointed by the Chief of Police) not routinely or directly connected with evidence control.
- (d) Whenever a change is made in personnel who have access to the evidence room, an inventory of all evidence/property shall be made by an individual not associated to the property room or function to ensure that records are correct and all evidence property is accounted for.

Records Bureau Procedures

806.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Records Supervisor shall maintain the Department Records Bureau Procedures Manual on a current basis to reflect the procedures being followed within the Records Bureau. Policies and procedures that apply to all employees of this department are contained in this chapter.

806.1.1 NUMERICAL FILING SYSTEM

Case reports are filed numerically within the Records Bureau by Records Bureau personnel.

Reports are numbered commencing with the last two digits of the current year followed by the Julian Date a sequential number beginning with 001 starting at midnight. As an example, case number 09-001-001 would be the first new case beginning January 1, 2009.

806.2 FILE ACCESS AND SECURITY

All reports including, but not limited to, initial, supplemental, follow-up, evidence, and all reports critical to a case shall be maintained the Records Bureau accessible only to authorized personnel.

Milpitas Police Department employees shall not access, view or distribute, or allow anyone else to access, view or distribute any record, file or report, whether hard copy or electronic file format, except in accordance with department policy and with a legitimate law enforcement or business purpose or as otherwise permissible by law.

806.2.1 REQUESTING ORIGINAL REPORTS

Generally, original reports shall not be removed from the Records Bureau. All original reports removed from the Records Bureau shall be recorded on the Report Check-Out slip which shall constitute the only authorized manner by which an original report may be removed from the Records Bureau.

806.3 REQUISITION OF SUPPLIES

All personnel who are in need of supplies shall request them through a Records Supervisor.

806.4 DETERMINATION OF FACTUAL INNOCENCE

In any case where a person has been arrested by officers of the Milpitas Police Department and no accusatory pleading has been filed, the person arrested may petition the Department to destroy the related arrest records. Petitions should be forwarded to the Administration Supervisor. The Administration Supervisor should promptly contact the prosecuting attorney and request a written opinion as to whether the petitioner is factually innocent of the charges (Penal Code § 851.8). Factual innocence means the accused person did not commit the crime.

Upon receipt of a written opinion from the prosecuting attorney affirming factual innocence, the Administration Supervisor should forward the petition to the Detective Bureau Supervisor and the City Attorney for review. After such review and consultation with the City Attorney, the Detective

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Bureau Supervisor and the Administration Supervisor shall decide whether a finding of factual innocence is appropriate.

Upon determination that a finding of factual innocence is appropriate, the Administration Supervisor shall ensure that the arrest record and petition are sealed for later destruction and the required notifications are made to the California Department of Justice and other law enforcement agencies (Penal Code § 851.8).

The Administration Supervisor should respond to a petition with the Department's decision within 45 days of receipt. Responses should include only the decision of the Department, not an explanation of the analysis leading to the decision.

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Records Release and Security

810.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this section is to establish a comprehensive reference and procedure for the maintenance and release of Department reports and records in accordance with applicable law.

810.2 PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR RECORDS

The California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250, et seq.) provides that records created by a public agency shall be subject to inspection and release pursuant to request, except pursuant to exemptions set forth in the Act or otherwise established by statute. Public requests for records of this department shall be processed as follows:

810.2.1 PROCESSING OF REQUESTS

Any member of the public, including the media and elected officials, may access unrestricted records of this department by submitting a written and signed request for each record sought and paying any associated fees (Government Code § 6253).

The processing of requests is subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The employee processing the request shall determine if the requested record is available and, if so, whether the record is exempt from disclosure. Either the requested record or the reason for non-disclosure will be provided promptly, but no later than 10 days from the date of request, unless unusual circumstances preclude doing so. If more time is needed, an extension of up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Chief of Police or the authorized designee. If an extension is authorized, the Department shall provide written notice of the extension to the requesting party (Government Code § 6253(c)).
- (b) In accordance with the Public Records Act, the Department is not required to create records that do not otherwise exist in order to accommodate a request under the Act.

Requests by elected officials for records that are not open to public inspection should be referred to the Administration Division Captain for a determination as to whether the records will be released.

810.3 REPORT RELEASE RESTRICTIONS

Absent a valid court order or other statutory authority, records and/or unrestricted portions of such records of this department shall be made public subject to the following restrictions:

810.3.1 GENERAL CASE AND CRIME REPORTS

Reports containing any of the items listed below will not be released:

- (a) **Victim information** - Victims of crimes who have requested that their identifying information be kept confidential, victims who are minors and victims of certain offenses (e.g., sex crimes, Penal Code § 293) shall not be made public. No employee shall disclose to any arrested person or to any person who may be a defendant in a criminal

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action the address or telephone number of any person who is a victim or witness in the alleged offense, unless it is required by law (Penal Code § 841.5).

- (b) **Confidential information** - Information involving confidential informants, intelligence information, information that would endanger the safety of any person involved or information that would endanger the successful completion of the investigation or a related investigation shall not be made public.
 - 1. Analysis and conclusions of investigating officers may also be exempt from disclosure.
 - 2. If it has been noted in any report that any individual wishes to protect his/her right to privacy under the California Constitution, such information may not be subject to public disclosure.
- (c) **Specific crimes** - Certain types of reports involving, but not limited to, **child abuse/molestation** (Penal Code § 11167.5), **elder abuse** (Welfare and Institutions Code § 15633) and **juveniles** (Welfare and Institutions Code § 827) shall not be made public.
- (d) **General information** - Absent statutory exemption to the contrary or other lawful reason to deem information from reports confidential, information from unrestricted agency reports shall be made public as outlined in Government Code § 6254(f).
- (e) **Deceased juvenile crime victims** - The Code of Civil Procedure § 130 limits the dissemination of autopsy and private medical information concerning a murdered child by allowing families to request that the autopsy report of the victim be sealed from public inspection. Such requests shall be honored, with the exceptions that allow dissemination of those reports to law enforcement agents, prosecutors, defendants or civil litigants under state and federal discovery laws (Code of Civil Procedure §130).

810.3.2 ARREST REPORTS

Arrestee information shall be subject to release in the same manner as information contained in other reports as set forth above.

In addition to the restrictions stated above, all requests from criminal defendants and their authorized representatives (including attorneys) shall be referred to the District Attorney, City Attorney or the courts pursuant to Penal Code § 1054.5.

Local criminal history information including, but not limited to, arrest history and disposition, and fingerprints shall only be subject to release to those agencies and individuals set forth in Penal Code § 13300.

810.3.3 TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORTS

Traffic collision reports (and related supplemental reports) shall be considered confidential and subject to release only to the California Highway Patrol, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), other law enforcement agencies and those individuals and their authorized representatives set forth in Vehicle Code § 20012.

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810.3.4 PERSONNEL RECORDS

Personnel records, medical records and similar records which would involve personal privacy shall not be made public (Government Code § 6254((c); Penal Code § 832.7; Penal Code § 832.8).

Peace officer personnel records are deemed confidential (Penal Code § 832.7, et seq.) and shall not be made public or otherwise released to unauthorized individuals or entities absent a valid court order (Evidence Code § 1043, et seq.).

The identity of any officer subject to any criminal or administrative investigation shall not be released without the consent of the involved officer, prior approval of the Chief of Police or as required by law.

810.3.5 CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS

Information contained in CCW permit applications or other files which would tend to reveal where the applicant is vulnerable or which contains medical or psychological information shall not be made public (Government Code § 6254(u)).

810.3.6 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTS

Victims of domestic violence or their representative shall be provided, without charge, one copy of all domestic violence incident report face sheets, one copy of all domestic violence incident reports, or both, pursuant to the requirements and time frames of Family Code § 6228.

810.4 OTHER RECORDS

Any other record not addressed in this policy shall not be subject to release where such record is exempt or prohibited from disclosure pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege or to the security of the department's electronic technology systems (Government Code § 6254(k); Government Code 6254.19).

The Department maintains the right to refuse to disclose or release any other record when it would appear that the public's interest in accessing such record is outweighed by the need for nondisclosure (Government Code § 6255).

Any record which was created exclusively in anticipation of potential litigation involving this department shall not be subject to public disclosure (Government Code § 6254(b)).

810.4.1 PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Employees shall not access, use or disclose personal identifying information, including an individual's photograph, social security number, driver identification number, name, address, telephone number and the individual's medical or disability information, which is contained in any driver license record, motor vehicle record or any department record except as authorized by the Department and only when such use or disclosure is permitted or required by law to carry out a legitimate law enforcement purpose (18 USC § 2721 and 18 USC § 2722).

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810.5 SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Any Subpoena Duces Tecum (SDT) should be promptly provided to a supervisor for review and processing. While a Subpoena Duces Tecum may ultimately be subject to compliance, it is not an order from the Court that will automatically require the release of the requested information.

All questions regarding compliance with any Subpoena Duces Tecum should be promptly referred to legal counsel for the Department so that a timely response can be prepared.

810.6 RELEASED RECORDS TO BE STAMPED

Each page of any record released pursuant to a Public Records Act request or Subpoena Duces Tecum shall be stamped in red ink with a departmental stamp identifying the individual to whom the record was released.

810.7 SECURITY BREACHES

The Records Supervisor shall ensure notice is given anytime there is a reasonable belief an unauthorized person has acquired unencrypted personal identifying information stored in any Department information system (Civil Code § 1798.29).

Notice shall be given as soon as reasonably practicable to all individuals whose information may have been acquired. The notification may be delayed if the Department determines that notification will impede a criminal investigation or any measures necessary to determine the scope of the breach and restore the reasonable integrity of the data system.

For the purposes of this requirement, personal identifying information includes an individual's first name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following:

- Social security number
- Driver license number or California identification card number
- Account number, credit or debit card number, in combination with any required security code, access code or password that would permit access to an individual's financial account
- Medical information
- Health insurance information
- A user name or email address, in combination with a password or security question and answer that permits access to an online account

810.7.1 FORM OF NOTICE

- (a) The notice shall be written in plain language and include, to the extent possible, the following:
 1. The date of the notice.
 2. Name and contact information for the Milpitas Police Department.

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3. A list of the types of personal information that were or are reasonably believed to have been acquired.
4. The estimated date or date range within which the security breach occurred.
5. Whether the notification was delayed as a result of a law enforcement investigation.
6. A general description of the security breach.
7. The toll-free telephone numbers and addresses of the major credit reporting agencies, if the breach exposed a social security number or a driver's license or California identification card number.

(b) The notice may also include information about what the Milpitas Police Department has done to protect individuals whose information has been breached and may include information on steps that the person whose information has been breached may take to protect him/herself.

(c) When a breach involves an online account, and only a user name or email address in combination with either a password or security question and answer that would permit access to an online account, and no other personal information has been breached:

1. Notification may be provided electronically or in another form directing the person to promptly change either his/her password or security question and answer, as applicable, or to take other appropriate steps to protect the online account with the Department in addition to any other online accounts for which the person uses the same user name or email address and password or security question and answer.

810.7.2 MANNER OF NOTICE

(a) Notice may be provided by one of the following methods:

1. Written notice.
2. Electronic notice if the notice provided is consistent with the provisions regarding electronic records and signatures set forth in 15 USC § 7001.
3. Substitute notice if the cost of providing notice would exceed \$250,000, the number of individuals exceeds 500,000 or the Department does not have sufficient contact information. Substitute notice shall consist of all of the following:
 - (a) Email notice, when the Department has an email address for the subject person.
 - (b) Conspicuous posting of the notice on the Department's webpage.

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4. Notification to major statewide media and the California Information Security Office within the California Department of Technology.

(b) If a single breach requires the Department to notify more than 500 California residents, the Department shall electronically submit a sample copy of the notification, excluding any personally identifiable information, to the Attorney General.

Protected Information

812.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the access, transmission, release and security of protected information by members of the Milpitas Police Department. This policy addresses the protected information that is used in the day-to-day operation of the Department and not the public records information covered in the Records Maintenance and Release Policy.

812.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Protected information - Any information or data that is collected, stored or accessed by members of the Milpitas Police Department and is subject to any access or release restrictions imposed by law, regulation, order or use agreement. This includes all information contained in federal, state or local law enforcement databases that is not accessible to the public.

812.2 POLICY

Members of the Milpitas Police Department will adhere to all applicable laws, orders, regulations, use agreements and training related to the access, use, dissemination and release of protected information.

812.3 CALIFORNIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Members shall not release personal information from any agency database for the purpose of investigation or enforcement of any program compiling data on individuals based on religious belief, practice, affiliation, national origin or ethnicity (Government Code § 8310.3).

812.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief of Police shall select a member of the Department to coordinate the use of protected information.

The responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Ensuring member compliance with this policy and with requirements applicable to protected information, including requirements for the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system, National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) records and California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETs).
- (b) Developing, disseminating and maintaining procedures that adopt or comply with the U.S. Department of Justice's current Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy.
- (c) Developing, disseminating and maintaining any other procedures necessary to comply with any other requirements for the access, use, dissemination, release and security of protected information.
- (d) Developing procedures to ensure training and certification requirements are met.

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- (e) Resolving specific questions that arise regarding authorized recipients of protected information.
- (f) Ensuring security practices and procedures are in place to comply with requirements applicable to protected information.

812.5 ACCESS TO PROTECTED INFORMATION

Protected information shall not be accessed in violation of any law, order, regulation, user agreement, Milpitas Police Department policy or training. Only those members who have completed applicable training and met any applicable requirements, such as a background check, may access protected information, and only when the member has a legitimate work-related reason for such access.

Unauthorized access, including access for other than a legitimate work-related purpose, is prohibited and may subject a member to administrative action pursuant to the Personnel Complaints Policy and/or criminal prosecution.

812.5.1 PENALTIES FOR MISUSE OF RECORDS

It is a misdemeanor to furnish, buy, receive or possess Department of Justice criminal history information without authorization by law (Penal Code § 11143).

Authorized persons or agencies violating state regulations regarding the security of Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) maintained by the California Department of Justice may lose direct access to CORI (11 CCR 702).

812.6 RELEASE OR DISSEMINATION OF PROTECTED INFORMATION

Protected information may be released only to authorized recipients who have both a right to know and a need to know.

A member who is asked to release protected information that should not be released should refer the requesting person to a supervisor or to the Records Supervisor for information regarding a formal request.

Unless otherwise ordered or when an investigation would be jeopardized, protected information maintained by the Department may generally be shared with authorized persons from other law enforcement agencies who are assisting in the investigation or conducting a related investigation. Any such information should be released through the Records Bureau to ensure proper documentation of the release (see the Records Maintenance and Release Policy).

Protected information, such as Criminal Justice Information (CJI), which includes Criminal History Record Information (CHRI), should generally not be transmitted by radio, cellular telephone or any other type of wireless transmission to members in the field or in vehicles through any computer or electronic device, except in cases where there is an immediate need for the information to further an investigation or where circumstances reasonably indicate that the immediate safety of officers, other department members or the public is at risk.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit broadcasting warrant information.

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812.6.1 REVIEW OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD

Individuals requesting to review their own California criminal history information shall be referred to the Department of Justice (Penal Code § 11121).

Individuals shall be allowed to review their arrest or conviction record on file with the Department after complying with all legal requirements regarding authority and procedures in Penal Code § 11120 through Penal Code § 11127 (Penal Code § 13321).

812.7 SECURITY OF PROTECTED INFORMATION

The Chief of Police will select a member of the Department to oversee the security of protected information.

The responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Developing and maintaining security practices, procedures and training.
- (b) Ensuring federal and state compliance with the CJIS Security Policy and the requirements of any state or local criminal history records systems.
- (c) Establishing procedures to provide for the preparation, prevention, detection, analysis and containment of security incidents including computer attacks.
- (d) Tracking, documenting and reporting all breach of security incidents to the Chief of Police and appropriate authorities.

812.7.1 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members accessing or receiving protected information shall ensure the information is not accessed or received by persons who are not authorized to access or receive it. This includes leaving protected information, such as documents or computer databases, accessible to others when it is reasonably foreseeable that unauthorized access may occur (e.g., on an unattended table or desk; in or on an unattended vehicle; in an unlocked desk drawer or file cabinet; on an unattended computer terminal).

812.8 TRAINING

All members authorized to access or release protected information shall complete a training program that complies with any protected information system requirements and identifies authorized access and use of protected information, as well as its proper handling and dissemination.

Computers and Digital Evidence

814.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes procedures for the seizure and storage of computers, personal communications devices (PCDs) digital cameras, digital recorders and other electronic devices that are capable of storing digital information; and for the preservation and storage of digital evidence. All evidence seized and/or processed pursuant to this policy shall be done so in compliance with clearly established Fourth Amendment and search and seizure provisions.

814.2 SEIZING COMPUTERS AND RELATED EVIDENCE

Computer equipment requires specialized training and handling to preserve its value as evidence. Officers should be aware of the potential to destroy information through careless or improper handling, and utilize the most knowledgeable available resources. When seizing a computer and accessories the following steps should be taken:

- (a) Photograph each item, front and back, specifically including cable connections to other items. Look for a phone line or cable to a modem for Internet access.
- (b) Do not overlook the possibility of the presence of physical evidence on and around the hardware relevant to the particular investigation such as fingerprints, biological or trace evidence, and/or documents.
- (c) If the computer is off, do not turn it on.
- (d) If the computer is on, do not shut it down normally and do not click on anything or examine any files.
 1. Photograph the screen, if possible, and note any programs or windows that appear to be open and running.
 2. Disconnect the power cable from the back of the computer box or if a portable notebook style, disconnect any power cable from the case and remove the battery).
- (e) Label each item with case number, and item number.
- (f) Handle and transport the computer and storage media (e.g., tape, discs, memory cards, flash memory, external drives) with care so that potential evidence is not lost.
- (g) Log all computer items in the Beast. Do not store computers where normal room temperature and humidity is not maintained.
- (h) At minimum, officers should document the following in related reports:
 1. Where the computer was located and whether or not it was in operation.
 2. Who was using it at the time.
 3. Who claimed ownership.

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4. If it can be determined, how it was being used.
 - (i) In most cases when a computer is involved in criminal acts and is in the possession of the suspect, the computer itself and all storage devices (hard drives, tape drives, and disk drives) should be seized along with all media. Accessories (printers, monitors, mouse, scanner, keyboard, cables, software and manuals) should not be seized unless as a precursor to forfeiture.

814.2.1 BUSINESS OR NETWORKED COMPUTERS

If the computer belongs to a business or is part of a network, it may not be feasible to seize the entire computer. Cases involving networks require specialized handling. Officers should contact a certified forensic computer examiner for instructions or a response to the scene. It may be possible to perform an on-site inspection, or to image the hard drive only of the involved computer. This should only be done by someone specifically trained in processing computers for evidence.

814.2.2 FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF COMPUTERS

If an examination of the contents of the computer's hard drive, or floppy disks, compact discs, or any other storage media is required, forward the following items to a computer forensic examiner:

- (a) Copy of report(s) involving the computer, including the Evidence/Property sheet.
- (b) Copy of a consent to search form signed by the computer owner or the person in possession of the computer, or a copy of a search warrant authorizing the search of the computer hard drive for evidence relating to investigation.
- (c) A listing of the items to search for (e.g., photographs, financial records, e-mail, documents).
- (d) An exact duplicate of the hard drive or disk will be made using a forensic computer and a forensic software program by someone trained in the examination of computer storage devices for evidence.

814.3 SEIZING DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIA

Digital storage media including hard drives, floppy discs, CD's, DVD's, tapes, memory cards, or flash memory devices should be seized and stored in a manner that will protect them from damage.

- (a) If the media has a write-protection tab or switch, it should be activated.
- (b) Do not review, access or open digital files prior to submission. If the information is needed for immediate investigation request the Property to copy the contents to an appropriate form of storage media.
- (c) Many kinds of storage media can be erased or damaged by magnetic fields. Keep all media away from magnetic devices, electric motors, radio transmitters or other sources of magnetic fields.

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- (d) Do not leave storage media where they would be subject to excessive heat such as in a parked vehicle on a hot day.
- (e) Use plastic cases designed to protect the media, or other protective packaging, to prevent damage.

814.4 SEIZING PCDS

Personal communication devices such as cell phones, PDAs or other hand-held devices connected to any communication network must be handled with care to preserve evidence that may be on the device including messages, stored data and/or images.

- (a) Officers should not attempt to access, review or search the contents of such devices prior to examination by a forensic expert. Unsent messages can be lost, data can be inadvertently deleted and incoming messages can override stored messages.
- (b) Do not turn the device on or off. The device should be placed in a solid metal container such as a paint can or in a faraday bag, to prevent the device from sending or receiving information from its host network.
- (c) When seizing the devices, also seize the charging units and keep them plugged in to the chargers until they can be examined. If the batteries go dead all the data may be lost.

814.5 DIGITAL EVIDENCE RECORDED BY OFFICERS

Officers handling and submitting recorded and digitally stored evidence from digital cameras and audio or video recorders will comply with these procedures to ensure the integrity and admissibility of such evidence.

814.5.1 COLLECTION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

Once evidence is recorded it shall not be erased, deleted or altered in any way prior to submission. All photographs taken will be preserved regardless of quality, composition or relevance. Video and audio files will not be altered in any way.

814.5.2 SUBMISSION OF DIGITAL MEDIA

The following are required procedures for the submission of digital media used by cameras or other recorders:

- (a) Digital images are to be uploaded to the Veripic software. Officers shall not retain copies of digital images for personal use. The cleared memory card should be placed in the appropriate bin, in the Briefing Room.
- (b) Digital audio files are to be transferred to a compact disc (CD) and booked into property. Officers shall not retain copies of digital audio files for personal use.
- (c) Officers requiring a copy of the digital audio files must request a copy from the property clerk. Officers can print copies of digital images from the Veripic software. Officers

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obtaining digital files from the Veripic software or property clerk are to do so for official use only.

814.5.3 DOWNLOADING OF DIGITAL FILES

Digital information such as video or audio files recorded on devices using internal memory must be downloaded to storage media. The following procedures are to be followed:

- (a) Files should not be opened or reviewed prior to downloading and storage.
- (b) Where possible, the device should be connected to a computer and the files accessed directly from the computer directory or downloaded to a folder on the host computer for copying to the storage media.

814.5.4 PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL EVIDENCE

- (a) The original digital media shall remain in evidence and shall remain unaltered.
- (b) Digital images that are enhanced to provide a better quality photograph for identification and investigative purposes must only be made from a copy of the original media.
- (c) If any enhancement is done to the copy of the original, it shall be noted in the corresponding incident report.

Animal Control

820.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for animal control officers and Milpitas Police Department personnel in dealing with animal control related calls for service and to set forth procedures regarding animal control services, the handling of injured animals, and the abatement of animal nuisances.

820.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Milpitas Police Department to be responsive to the needs of the community regarding animal-related issues. This includes enforcing local, state and federal laws relating to animals and appropriately resolving or referring animal-related problems, as outlined in this policy.

820.3 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

The City is contracted with the City of San Jose to provide Animal Control services, in the City of Milpitas. The Animal Control Officer (ACO) shall be responsible for enforcing local, state and federal laws relating to animals, and for appropriately resolving or referring animal problems as outlined in this policy.

This policy will outline the responsibilities of the ACO and the responsibilities of Department employees.

Requests for assistance by the ACO shall be acknowledged and responded to promptly.

San Jose Animal Services shall be responsible for:

(a) Pick up of stray dogs, stray cats, and other small domestic animals, including rabbits, chickens, turkey, geese and ducks, and excluding confined wildlife as defined in Section 711.2 of the California Fish and Game Code, such as

opossums, raccoons, skunks, or squirrels, that have been confined by Milpitas.

(b) Pick up of dead animals.

(c) Pick up of injured stray dogs or cats and other small domestic animals, without regard to weight, excluding birds, and injured wildlife that weigh fifty pounds (50 lbs) or less, that are located on public property or readily accessible on private property with the consent of the property owner or the property owner's authorized agent.

(d) Response to Emergency Calls.

(e) Investigate complaints of animal bites and attacks on humans or other domestic animals, including the preparation of a report, interviewing the parties involved, quarantining animals which have bitten humans, preparing and transporting biting animals for rabies testing, and investigating alleged violations of a quarantine order. An incident report is to be

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provided to the designated appropriate Milpitas Code Enforcement official within five (5) business day of the incident, including licensing information for the subject animal(s).

(1.) San Jose will meet and conduct a personal interview(s) with the owner in order to complete the investigation and quarantine the animal as necessary.

(f) Investigate and refer complaints of Dangerous or Potentially Dangerous Dogs to the appropriate Code Enforcement official in Milpitas for resolution. Investigations shall include preparation of a report and may include interviewing the parties involved, and collecting available historical data.

(g) Investigate and refer complaints of Dangerous Animals to the appropriate code enforcement agency of Milpitas for resolution. Investigations shall include taking a report and may include interviewing the parties involved, and collecting available historical data.

(h) Respond to complaints of dogs running at large, attempt to capture them, and provide follow-up patrol if appropriate and subject to the availability of SAN JOSE staff.

(i) Respond to complaints in progress of domestic animals causing a nuisance, except domestic animals making noise, and provide follow-up patrol if appropriate and subject to the availability of SAN JOSE staff.

(j) Respond to police assist calls on animal-related issues which may include taking control of an animal on the scene; AND

(k) Investigate and refer to the appropriate Code Enforcement official in Milpitas for resolution of complaints regarding the lack of proper care, condition, or attention of domestic animals by their owners.

San Jose Animal Services will respond to emergencies, police assist calls, dangerous animal incident and critically sick or injured animal calls 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Response times will be based on PRIORITY levels (1, 2, 3) as established in the contract.

820.4 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members shall respond to in progress dangerous animal calls to secure the scene and address any public safety concerns or threats. Members should evaluate the situation to determine the appropriate actions to control the situation. Members or their designee should notify San Jose Animal Services to respond and investigate the incident when appropriate. If San Jose Animal Services is delayed in their response, members may investigate the incident and forward the case to San Jose Animal Services for follow-up or information and City code enforcement.

Members may consider acting before the arrival of San Jose Animal Services when:

- (a) There is a threat to public safety.
- (b) An animal has bitten someone.
- (c) An animal is creating a traffic hazard.

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- (d) An animal is seriously injured.
- (e) The owner/handler of an animal has been arrested or is incapacitated. In such circumstances, the member should find appropriate placement for the animal.
 - (1) The member should make a reasonable effort to ensure that animals or pets under a person's care will be provided with adequate care when that person is arrested or incapacitated. This is only required when there is no person to provide care and the owner/handler is expected not to be available for a time period longer than would reasonably allow him/her to properly care for the animal(s).
 - (2) Relatives or neighbors may be contacted, with the owner's consent, to care for the animal(s). If no person(s) can be found or the owner does not consent, San Jose Animal Services should be notified.

820.4.1 ANIMAL CRUELTY COMPLAINTS

Laws relating to the cruelty to animals should be enforced, including but not limited to Penal Code 597 et seq. (cruelty to animals, failure to care for animals).

- (a) An investigation should be conducted on all reports of animal cruelty.
 - (1.) San Jose Animal Services may be summoned to retrieve the remains of animals killed during cruelty investigations.
- (b) Legal steps should be taken to protect an animal that is in need of immediate care or protection from acts of cruelty.

820.5 PUBLIC NUISANCE CALLS RELATING TO ANIMALS

Members should diligently address calls related to nuisance animals (e.g., barking dogs), as such calls may involve significant quality-of-life issues.

820.6 INJURED ANIMALS

When any injured domesticated animal is brought to the attention of a member of this agency, all reasonable attempts shall be made to contact the owner or responsible handler. When the owner or responsible handler cannot be located and the animal is not an immediate danger to the community, Officers shall summon San Jose Animal Services to retrieve the animal and provide care for it (Penal Code 597.1).

- (a) The only exception to the above is when the animal is an immediate danger to the community or the owner of the animal is identified and takes responsibility for the injured animal.
- (b) When the need to kill a seriously injured or dangerous animal is necessary, the Firearms Policy shall be followed. The decision to dispose of a seriously injured animal will rest with the on-duty Watch Commander.

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- (c) Injured wildlife should be referred to the SPCA, Marine Mammal Center or Department of Fish and Game as applicable. The SPCA will not pick up common pigeons (red legs), starlings, bats or skunks.
- (d) When handling dead or injured animals department employees shall attempt to identify and notify the owner of the final disposition of the animal.
- (e) Each incident shall be documented, at minimum, include the name of the reporting party and veterinary hospital and/or person to whom the animal is released.

820.6.1 VETERINARY CARE

The injured animal should be taken to a veterinarian as follows:

- (a) During normal business hours, the animal should be taken to an authorized veterinary care clinic.
- (b) If after normal business hours, the animal should be taken to the authorized Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Services Clinic.
- (c) An exception to the above exists when the animal is an immediate danger to the community or the owner of the animal is identified and takes responsibility for the injured animal.

Each incident shall be documented and, at minimum, include the name of the reporting party and veterinary hospital and/or person to whom the animal is released.

If San Jose Animal Control is not available, the information will be forwarded for follow-up.

820.6.2 INJURED WILDLIFE

Injured wildlife should be referred to the Department of Fish and Wildlife or the Marine Mammal Center as applicable.

820.6.3 RESCUE OF ANIMALS IN VEHICLES

If an animal left unattended in a vehicle appears to be in distress, members may enter the vehicle for the purpose of rescuing the animal. Members should (Penal Code § 597.7(d)):

- (a) Make a reasonable effort to locate the owner before entering the vehicle.
- (b) Take steps to minimize damage to the vehicle.
- (c) Refrain from searching the vehicle or seizing items except as otherwise permitted by law.
- (d) Leave notice on or in the vehicle identifying the location where the animal has been taken and the name and Department of the member involved in the rescue.
- (e) Make reasonable efforts to contact the owner or secure the vehicle before leaving the scene.
- (f) Take the animal to an animal care facility, a place of safekeeping or, if necessary, a veterinary hospital for treatment.