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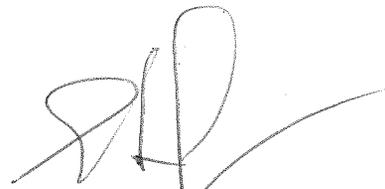
The Regulations and General Orders of the Fairfax County Police Department are promulgated in this two volume document. The Regulations set forth the general responsibilities and standards of conduct expected of Department employees. Unless the content indicates otherwise, the Regulations apply to civilian as well as sworn employees. General Orders are statements of policy and procedure dealing with major operational and administrative areas.

While the manual does set forth specific procedures to which adherence is expected, it is not intended to address all situations encountered by members of the Department. The judicious exercise of discretion is often required; and, with this in mind, the manual serves as a supplement to individual training and experience.

This document will be periodically updated and amended to reflect changes in law and to meet the needs of its users in terms of policy and procedure. I urge all members of the Department to submit comments and recommendations for change in order to ensure that the manual remains a useful tool to all.

All Regulations and General Orders contained in this manual are issued under the authority of the Chief of Police and the County Executive serving upon the date of such issuance. The subsequent appointment of a new Chief of Police or County Executive does not invalidate a Regulation or Order issued by a predecessor unless specifically stated.

It is essential that all employees familiarize themselves with the provisions of both volumes of this manual, and seek guidance from supervisory personnel when necessary. We must all be mindful of the fact that individual action taken in violation of the Regulations or General Orders may be grounds for disciplinary action. The underlying purpose of the document is not to create a device merely for the imposition of punitive sanctions, but rather to achieve uniformity and an orderly approach to the accomplishment of our goals.



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