

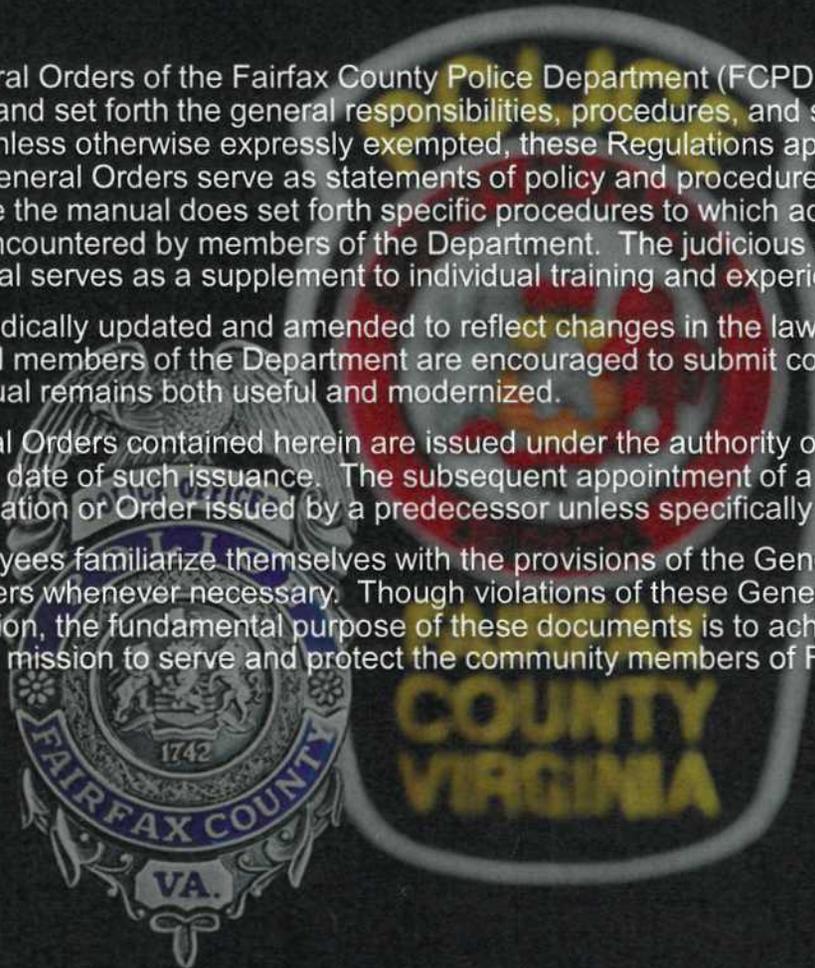
Foreword

The Regulations and General Orders of the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) are hereby promulgated in these accompanying documents and set forth the general responsibilities, procedures, and standards of conduct expected of all Department employees. Unless otherwise expressly exempted, these Regulations apply to both non-sworn and sworn Department employees. General Orders serve as statements of policy and procedures pertaining to major operational and administrative areas. While the manual does set forth specific procedures to which adherence is expected, it is not intended to encompass all situations encountered by members of the Department. The judicious exercise of discretion is often required; and, with this in mind, this manual serves as a supplement to individual training and experience.

This document will be periodically updated and amended to reflect changes in the law, nationwide best practices, and accreditation standards. All members of the Department are encouraged to submit comments and recommendations for change in order to ensure the manual remains both useful and modernized.

All Regulations and General Orders contained herein 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 the General Orders and seek guidance from supervisors and commanders whenever necessary. Though violations of these General Orders may potentially constitute grounds for disciplinary action, the fundamental purpose of these documents is to achieve both uniformity and consistency in pursuit of the Department's mission to serve and protect the community members of Fairfax County.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kevin Davis", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kevin Davis
Chief of Police