
GENERAL ORDER

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



SUBJECT: VIP PROTECTION POLICY	NUMBER:	520.6
CANCELS ORDER DATED: 1-1-97	DATE:	7-1-10

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fairfax County Police Department to provide the appropriate level of security for all dignitaries requiring such protection due to actual or implied threats of violence. The following guidelines have been delineated to establish a set procedure for providing VIP protection.

II. OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide a level of protection to safeguard life and property.
- B. To establish a set procedure to follow when requested to provide security for VIPs conducting business or residing in Fairfax County.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Any employee receiving a request for VIP protection shall:
 - 1. Refer the request to the commander of the Operations Support Bureau, by telephone, as soon as possible.
 - 2. Send the request, if in writing, to the commander of the Operations Support Bureau.
 - 3. Document the request, if by telephone or in person, and send it to the commander of the Operations Support Bureau.
- B. Commander of the Operations Support Bureau shall:
 - 1. Decide if protection is to be afforded and to what extent.
 - 2. Designate a Department member to contact requestor and advise whether or not the Department shall afford dignitary protection.
- C. If protection is to be afforded, the commander of the Operations Support Bureau will have overall protection responsibility and shall:

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1. Direct the commander of the Special Operations Division to prepare, with the assistance of a member of the SWAT Team, advance security arrangements.
 2. Establish telephone contact and set up a meeting with the representative of the dignitary, if necessary.
 3. Determine the itinerary of the dignitary and identity of any other persons accompanying the dignitary.
 4. Ascertain protective measures of other agencies involved in the protection plan.
 5. Define the responsibilities of all departmental units involved in the protection plan.
 6. Evaluate any intelligence information pertaining to threats against the dignitary, ensuring this intelligence is coordinated through the Criminal Intelligence Unit.
- D. The SWAT Team assigned to the VIP detail shall:
1. Consist of trained personnel capable of responding during all tours of duty.
 2. Have responsibility for close-in protection whether the dignitary is traveling on foot or in a motorcade.
 3. Coordinate its planning and action through the commander of the Special Operations Division, or designee.
 4. Reconnoiter travel routes, and plan alternatives.
 5. Determine equipment requirements to include consideration of vehicles, weapons, and use of body armor for personnel or dignitary.
 6. Establish an identification designation for SWAT personnel (e.g., lapel pins).

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- E. Prior to the detail itself, the commander of the Operations Support Bureau shall:
1. Arrange a briefing to:
 - a. Include representatives from all support units.
 - b. Provide last minute changes.
 - c. Identify outside agencies and their responsibilities.
 - d. Identify emergency first aid, ambulance, and medical facilities.
 - e. Ensure all proper notifications have been made.
 2. If necessary, establish a command post that shall:
 - a. Be used by the detail commander.
 - b. Serve as center for all communications staging, briefing, etc.

IV. ACCREDITATION STANDARDS REFERENCE

VLEPSC
OPR.
05.03
07.09

This general order becomes effective July 1, 2010 and rescinds all previous rules and regulations pertaining to the subject.

ISSUED BY:

Chief of Police

APPROVED BY:

County Executive