

FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

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I. POLICY

It is the policy of this Department to maintain liaisons with criminal justice and social service agencies.

II. PURPOSE

This written order establishes which criminal justice and social service agencies our police department cooperates with, supports and why.

III. SCOPE

This written order is applicable to all personnel.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of all employees to maintain working relationships with criminal justice and social service agencies.

- A. This department shall maintain ongoing liaisons with criminal justice and social service agencies by regularly attending meetings designed to address issues of mutual concern and to develop strategies for improving services.
- B. In the course of duty, departmental members will often encounter people in need of help of a type best provided by another criminal justice or social service agency. In these instances, officers will make referrals to the appropriate agency. In this regard, members should be familiar with the criminal justice and social service agencies, their capabilities, and points of contact.
- C. Members of the Florence Police Department will maintain ongoing, positive working relationships with the following criminal justice agencies, including but not limited to:
 - 1. All Shoals area law enforcement agencies;
 - 2. State law enforcement agencies;
 - 3. Federal law enforcement agencies;
 - 4. Florence Municipal Court;
 - 5. Lauderdale County courts; and
 - 6. Juvenile Probation Office.

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- D. Members of the Florence Police Department will maintain ongoing, positive working relationships with the following social service agencies, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Department of Human Resources
 - 2. Safe Place
 - 3. Rape Response
 - 4. Children's Advocacy Center
 - 5. Area mental health facilities
 - 6. Salvation Army
- E. The Chief of Police oversees the designation of formal liaisons as necessary.
- F. The purpose for maintaining ongoing, positive relationships with other criminal justice and social service agencies is to enhance the exchange of information and to coordinate efforts for dealing with criminal conduct and community problems. The sharing of information and services results in increased criminal arrests and insures that social services are provided in appropriate situations.