



# Abilene Police Department Operating Procedures

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## **Priority of Calls for Service**

Priority of call assignment depends on many factors and is normally the responsibility of Communication personnel to make such assignments. However, an officer in the field may be required to decide whether to continue on an assigned call, a nearby priority event or other observed situation that would cause the call to be reassigned.

## **Informants**

The use of informants is a basic weapon in the fight against crime. Informants are judicially recognized sources of information. An informant's motivation and welfare should be carefully evaluated in determining the extent upon which the information is used.

## **Undercover Operations**

In order to obtain information and evidence regarding criminal activities, it may be necessary for the Department to utilize undercover officers.

## **Traffic Enforcement**

The traffic enforcement goal of the Department is to reduce traffic accidents and injuries and to facilitate the safe and expeditious flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic through the public's voluntary compliance with traffic regulations. The Department seeks to achieve this through a combination of education and enforcement.

## **Juvenile Operations**

The Department is committed to the provision of care, protection and the wholesome, moral, mental and physical development of children coming within its jurisdiction and control. An equally strong commitment exists within the Department to provide for the welfare of the community and the protection of the citizens of Abilene by controlling the commission of unlawful acts by children. The Department is committed to the prevention of juvenile delinquency through proactive educational programs and enforcement activities involving the school system, private and government agencies and the community.

## **Educational Institutions**

The Department will establish and maintain a high level of cooperation and interaction with all local educational institutions.



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### **Licensing and Authority of Sworn Personnel**

The Training Division will maintain a current copy of the TCOLE standards for licensing of officers. The Training Division or person(s) designated by the Chief of Police shall carefully review each applicant's documentation to ensure minimum standards for licensing have been met. As part of this review, it shall be determined that the applicant's background investigation reveals nothing contrary to TCOLE licensing standards.

Department members shall follow TCOLE requirements to ensure that all reports for licensing of officers are submitted in a timely fashion.

A Peace Officer license is required prior to the enforcement of any and all laws. **(TBP 1.09)**

All Department personnel shall, before assuming sworn status, take and sign an oath to enforce the laws and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Texas. **(TBP 2.03)**

Duties and powers of sworn personnel include all authority and powers given to peace officers of this Department are expressly detailed under sections 2.12 and 2.13 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP). **(TBP 1.06)**