Bowie Police Department - General Orders

I. POLICY

This General Order establishes a system for notifying designated City of Bowie officials of emergency situations or significant events which may require their attention.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Officers are expected to exercise discretion concerning notifications for significant events which are not specifically identified in the General Order.

B. Immediate notification shall be made in order for all designated situations:

1. Sergeant
2. Lieutenant
3. Captain
4. Deputy Chief of Police
5. Chief of Police

C. The Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Police are responsible for notifying the City Manager of significant events. If both police officials are unavailable, a Commander shall be responsible for notifying the City Manager of significant events.

D. Situations requiring notification:

1. Death, serious injury, or illness and the emergency hospitalization of a City of Bowie employee;
2. Major disorder or disaster, and requests for other than routine assistance from and by other agencies;
3. Hostage or sniper situation, requests for PGPD Special Operations personnel, serious injuries to persons, persons killed, armed robbery, most felonies;
4. Any suspicious death occurring within the City of Bowie;
5. Police vehicle accidents involving injury to either Police Officers or others;
6. Incidents involving allegations of serious employee misconduct, including arrests of City of Bowie employees; and,
7. Incidents drawing significant media interest.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The on-duty supervisor is responsible for ensuring that notifications are made.

B. Police officials receiving notifications shall be responsible for additional notifications, if necessary.