



Bladensburg Police Department General Orders Manual

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The Regulations and General Orders of the Bladensburg Police Department are promulgated in this document. The regulations set forth the general responsibilities and standards of conduct expected of Department employees. Unless the content indicates otherwise, the Regulations apply to civilian as well as sworn members. General Orders are statements of policy and procedure dealing with major operational and administrative areas.


All Regulations and General Orders contained in this manual are issued under the authority of the Chief of Police serving upon the date of such issuance. The subsequent appointment of a new Chief of Police does not invalidate a Regulation or Order issued by a predecessor unless specifically stated.

While this manual does set forth specific procedures to which adherence is expected, it is not intended to address all situations encountered by members of the Department. The judicious exercise of discretion is often required; and, with this in mind, the manual serves as a supplement to individual training and experience.

This document will be periodically updated and amended to reflect changes in law and to meet the needs of its users in terms of policy and procedure. I urge all members of the Department to submit comments and recommendations for change in order to ensure that the manual remains a useful tool to all.

It is essential that all employees familiarize themselves with the provisions of this manual, and seek guidance from supervisory personnel when necessary. We must all be mindful of the fact that individual action taken in violation of the Regulations or General Orders may be grounds for disciplinary action. The underlying purpose of the document is not to create a device merely for the imposition of punitive sanctions, but rather to achieve uniformity and an orderly approach to the accomplishment of our goals.

The development of a well-disciplined, efficient, and professional law enforcement agency, which has the confidence and respect of the public, can only be accomplished when each member realizes their every action, whether part of the member's official duty or the member's private life, is closely observed by the public. It is therefore essential that every member adhere to these Regulations and General Orders as rigidly as possible, as each member will be held accountable for their actions.


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