10.16.01 POLICY AND PURPOSE

This directive reflects the model policy established and amended by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Police Chiefs Committee. These guidelines are for the recognition of casual clothes personnel from the law enforcement agencies throughout the Washington Metropolitan area by uniformed members.

The policy is designed to reduce the hazards inherent in confrontational situations between uniformed and casual clothes law enforcement personnel. It is not intended to supersede the procedures of any agency in the deployment of casual clothes or undercover personnel. These procedures are designed for both on and off duty personnel.

The safety of all law enforcement personnel is of paramount importance to the Police Chiefs Committee. The quick and effective recognition of casual clothes personnel utilizing consistent procedures is an important component of ensuring that safety. Therefore, it is the desire of the Police Chiefs Committee that all agencies in the COG region enact, train to, and adhere to this policy.
10.16.02 DEFINITIONS

Member - a sworn employee of any law enforcement agency or the Military District of Washington.

10.16.03 GENERAL INFORMATION

While the procedures contained in this policy are established and accepted by all law enforcement agencies in the Metropolitan area, active and retired officers from other areas of the country may be unfamiliar with them.

10.16.04 PROCEDURES

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