



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

300 – DIRECTED PATROL MISSIONS

GENERAL ORDER: 2026-17
ISSUED: April 30, 2026

EFFECTIVE: April 30, 2026

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Steven Johnson
DATE: March 18, 2026

ACTION: Amends General Order 2022-06 (February 4, 2022)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): NONE

ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

300.15 FORMAT/ROUTING

B. The *Department Memorandum* shall contain the following information:

9. Expectations

This section shall include the expectations related to the specific enforcement of the mission and shall include the following language:

- a. All traffic stops, field interviews (terry stop), ~~no-action encounters~~ and frisks shall be conducted in accordance with the rights protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States and will be carried out with fairness and respect.
- b. All traffic stops ~~and~~ field interviews (terry stop) ~~and no-action encounters~~ shall be supported by individualized, objective and articulable reasonable suspicion of unlawful conduct.
- d. Every traffic stop, field interview (terry stop), ~~no-action encounter~~, frisk and search conducted by any member of MPD is documented in an electronic, digitized record regardless of the outcome of the encounter.
- e. All traffic stops shall be documented in TraCS. ~~All no-action encounters shall be documented in RMS.~~ All field interviews (terry stop) shall be documented in RMS.
- g. The number of traffic stops, field interviews (terry stop), ~~no-action encounters~~, frisks and/or searches will not be used as a performance indicator or in any way to evaluate performance.
- h. All non-supervisory officers assigned to the Patrol Bureau shall wear body-worn cameras and activate them at the initiation of any traffic stop, field interview (terry stop), ~~no-action encounter~~, frisk or search and shall not deactivate the cameras until the encounter has concluded.

C. DISTRIBUTION OF DPM

1. After approval, copies of the DPM *Department Memorandum* shall be distributed by the approving commanding officer as follows:
 - ~~Commanding Officer—Technical Communications Division~~ Department of Emergency Communications (DEC) via email at [REDACTED]

300.20 PREEMPTION

- B. Personnel assigned to a DPM shall not be used for assignment backlogs without the authorization of the district commander or designee who authorized the DPM, night watch commander, or higher authority.
 1. A ~~Technical Communications Division~~ DEC supervisor ~~shall~~ will first contact the district commander or designee to seek authorization to utilize DPM personnel for backlog reduction.
 2. If the district commander or designee is not available, then the ~~Technical Communications Division~~ DEC supervisor ~~shall~~ will contact the on-duty or on-call night watch commander for authorization.
 3. ~~Technical Communications Division~~ DEC supervisors ~~shall~~ will not utilize DPM personnel for backlog reduction without proper authority. Personnel preempted from a DPM shall be returned to their previous duties as soon as practicable.

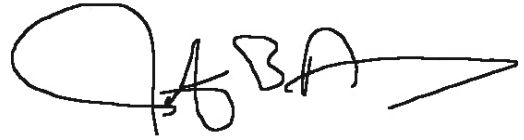
300.25 AFTER ACTION REPORT

- B. The After Action Report shall be on a *Department Memorandum* report using the following format:
 2. Assessment (SARA Model)

This section includes:

- a. The crime specifics and/or accountability detailing the results of the DPM (e.g., stops, frisks, searches, arrests, clearances, ~~no-action encounters~~, additional reported crimes, and/or elimination of problem).

- C. All body worn camera footage regarding traffic stops, ~~no action encounters~~, field interviews (terry stop), frisks and searches as part of the DPM shall be reviewed by supervisory members at the conclusion of the DPM. The supervisor conducting the audit shall document the results of the audit on a *Department Memorandum* and submit it through their chain of command to the inspector of the Patrol Bureau.

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JEFFREY B. NORMAN
CHIEF OF POLICE

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