



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS



532.02
FELONIES IN PROGRESS
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PURPOSE

To establish procedures for responding to felonies in progress.

POLICY

That officers respond to felonies in progress without delay and in a coordinated manner that ensures the optimum safety and protection to the victim, the officer, other responding police units, and citizens of the community.

PROCEDURE

A. GENERAL

1. Where the felony is a crime against property, supervisors and officers may delay their immediate response in order to make a planned simultaneous arrival that has as its purpose the apprehension of the offender(s).
2. Where the felony is a violent crime against a person, and where there is an imminent danger to life, officers shall [REDACTED]
3. Officers shall take all reasonable and prudent measures not to needlessly endanger their lives.

B. FELONY CRIMES: IN PROGRESS

1. The primary unit may [REDACTED] Units shall be assigned per G.O. 510.02 and G.O. 531.05.
2. [REDACTED]

C. FELONY CRIMES: SUSPECT HAS FLED THE CRIME SCENE

1. At least two (2) units shall be assigned. The primary unit shall be dispatched to the scene to handle the report. The second unit shall respond to the surrounding area to search for suspects, suspicious subjects or vehicles, and wait for an updated description.
2. The primary unit shall respond directly to the scene to get an updated suspect description.
 - a. If the primary unit is a considerable distance away, another unit may respond to the scene to obtain the update information.
 - b. When the primary unit arrives, other units shall leave to check the area unless otherwise needed to assist in the preliminary investigation.
 - c. The unit broadcasting updated information should include the following:
 - (1) Want, weapon, vehicle, and suspect description
 - (2) Time lapse, direction of travel, and possible destination.
 - d. Based on the information described in paragraph C2c, this unit shall determine if a perimeter is required. The primary unit shall:
 - (1) be responsible for setting up the perimeter and directing the responding units until a supervisor arrives.
 - (2) request any specialized units required to complete the crime scene investigation.

D. OTHER HIGH RISK CALLS

1. Units assigned to these types of calls should make every effort to arrive simultaneously to minimize the possible escape of suspects and harm to officers.

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2. Units should approach quietly with headlights out, park in a safe manner a short distance away, and be alert for any fleeing suspects.
3. Before entering the house, building, or area, officers should pause for a few seconds to just watch and listen to possibly determine the number of subjects or if any weapons are involved. This would allow officers the opportunity to request additional units, if needed, before entering.
4. Upon entering, arrest any suspects on the scene, request additional units as needed, stabilize the situation, and obtain and broadcast any additional information.