

NEW CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: COMMAND SUCCESSION;
Acting Chief of Police

GENERAL ORDER NUMBER: 87-6-41
FILE: PERS 3-1
ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT

I PURPOSE/POLICY

It is the policy of the New Canaan Police Department to establish a formal "Succession of Command" procedure for implementation in the event the Chief of Police is unavailable for duty.

II RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all department personnel to comply with this general order. It is the additional responsibility of command and supervisory staff to insure compliance.

III PROCEDURES

If, for any reason, the Chief of Police is unavailable for duty or for notification purposes, the following order of succession of command will occur:

- A** The Commander of the Operations Division will assume command of the department as Acting Chief of Police;
- B** If the absence of the Chief of Police is for a reasonably short duration, the Commander of the Operations Division will continue to direct the Operations Division in addition to assuming responsibility for the Chief's office;
- C** If the absence of the Chief of Police is for a longer period of time, the Acting Chief of Police will consult with the Police Commission as to the advisability of appointing a temporary Commander of the Operations Division.
- D** In the event that the Operations Division Commander is, in addition to the Chief of Police, unavailable for duty, the Commander of the Staff Services Division will proceed as outlined in A.B. & C. above.

IV DISTRIBUTION

This general order will be reproduced in electronic and traditional media. All sworn personnel shall have access to Department general orders through a read-only file on their individual domain of the Department's computer network. Printed copies and/or CD's will also be placed in locations throughout headquarters so that they are easily accessible to all personnel.

VII EFFECTIVE DATE

This general order approved by the Police Commission on November 20, 1987 and is effective November 20, 1987.
Revised August 1998
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Per order

Edward J. Nadriczny
Chief of Police