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Reporting Division: Police Department

CRIME AND WORKLOAD REPORTING – CHAPTER TWO

2.1 Assure that all personnel determining whether a crime is cleared or classified by UCR criteria are trained in UCR reporting.

Police Response: (SAMPLE) Concur with the recommendation. In-service training will be provided to personnel determining whether a crime is cleared or classified by the UCR criteria.

Status: In-service training will be provided during the last quarter of the calendar year and will continue as new personnel are assigned. Record of the training provided will be maintained in the employees personnel file and on file at the Training Division. *Closed*

City Manager Response: Concur with the Police response and timeline.

2.2 Assure that the dispatch system is providing consistent and accurate data for the Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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2.3 Assure that future changes in software are compatible with former police records databases for the Department to access records (see criminal investigations in Chapter Five).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

2.4 Report officer-initiated activity separately from calls for service, which are utilized for determining patrol staffing and assessing citizen requests for service (see Chapter Three).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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PATROL SERVICES – CHAPTER THREE

Patrol Services

3.1 Abolish the 5/4 work schedule and either return to the 4/4 fixed shift or a shift that more closely matches patrol staffing to workload. Any obligated time (time owed to the City based on the 4/4 shift configuration) should be directed to specific high-crime areas and times of crime occurrence.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.2 Assign any newly hired patrol employees to a specific time of day rather than place them on one of the 32 squads in patrol.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.3 Upgrade the position of watch commander from lieutenant to captain to coordinate the various units from different commands working in the evening and night hours. This should not occur until the promotional system has changed, as explained in Chapter Eight, Human Resources Management.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET	
Proj. Fund Status:	
Orig. Project Budget:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$
Available Budget:	\$

ESTIMATED COST	
Professional Services:	\$
Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Construction Cost:	\$
Other Cost:	\$
Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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3.4 Assign five captains as watch commanders to the recommended deputy chief of the Operations Bureau.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET	
Proj. Fund Status:	
Orig. Project Budget:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$
Available Budget:	\$

ESTIMATED COST	
Professional Services:	\$
Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Construction Cost:	\$
Other Cost:	\$
Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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3.5 Refer all event reports with missing data to Guilford Metro 911 through a designated City official.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.6 Continue with plans to realign patrol beats/zones based on workload. The changes should be supported by adequate software to track trends in geographical areas.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.7 Conduct a patrol beat analysis on an annual basis and consider a variable beat structure, i.e., the number of beats vary by shift.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.8 Assure that patrol officers have distinct areas to patrol when two patrol cars are assigned to one zone.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.9 Clearly define the classifications of crimes and calls within each priority, especially priority 1 and priority 2 calls.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.10 *Remove call classifications from priority 1 that are not life threatening calls.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.11 Remove mental health/commit calls from priority 1 calls.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.12 Assure that a staff person at the rank of captain or above is working on all shifts.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
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Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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Grants-Fed-State:	\$	Other Cost:	\$
Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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3.13 Promulgate a directive requiring patrol officers to remain within a zone, unless directed by a dispatcher, or approved by a supervisor, to leave the area.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.14 Assure that there is daily communications to patrol personnel on crimes and suspects within their assigned divisions and zones.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.15 Explore more patrol officer involvement in the investigation of specific types of crimes.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.16 Develop a written beat plan/profile for each patrol zone that describes the activities of patrol officers while assigned to that zone.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.17 Abolish the rank of police corporal and assign one sergeant and one lieutenant to each patrol shift.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET	
Proj. Fund Status:	
Orig. Project Budget:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$
Available Budget:	\$

ESTIMATED COST	
Professional Services:	\$
Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Construction Cost:	\$
Other Cost:	\$
Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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3.18 Assure that self-dispatching by patrol personnel, to the location of traffic stops, by other officers is controlled by patrol supervisors.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.19 Install vehicle locators on cars utilized for patrol services.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Proj. Fund Status:			
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3.20 Restore CRT staffing to its pre-Gang Unit formation level.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.21 Change the current work schedule of all CRT members to include the routine working of evenings and weekends.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.22 Assure that a funded position is assigned the responsibility of coordinating the activities of CRTs and the other operational support units, such as SROs.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Response Time/Computers

3.23 Revisit the entire list of protocols for priority 1 calls, list specific calls that are life threatening, and remove all calls that are not imminently life threatening, such as mental commitment papers, from priority 1.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.24 Define and calculate response time as the time from the receipt of a call to the arrival of an officer.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.25 Revise Directive 8.3 relative to having a minimum of only one officer available per division. This should be corrected immediately.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

3.26 Change police protocols that permit/require the assignment of any unit in the City to a priority 1 call. A corporal or sergeant from the affected division or specialized unit should be sent to the call if available.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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3.27 Forward copies of event reports with errors and mistakes to a designated City official for review and appropriate actions by dispatch or Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

COMMUNITY POLICING – CHAPTER FOUR

4.1 Assure that community policing is a philosophy of policing embraced by all sworn and civilian employees.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.2 Reexamine the current working hours of the Community Resource Teams in order to maximize contact with the public.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.3 Ensure that all CRT COP projects are objectively evaluated as to their effectiveness.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.4 Establish comprehensive performance measurements (key performance indicators) for the CRT and PNRC.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.5 Form a COP/POP reorganization and integration committee, with the four departmental entities currently comprising COP/POP efforts, and patrol, to restructure COP/POP in the Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.6 Ensure that community- and problem-oriented policing efforts are in compliance with the “Guiding Principles for the Operation and Management of a COP/POP Unit/Entity” articulated previously in this chapter.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.7 Assure that residents are empowered to work with the City and Department on problem recognition and problem solving.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.8 Ensure that a citizen concerns log is developed and maintained in the Department; secretarial support is required for this program.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.9 Integrate the activities of patrol officers, traffic officers, detectives, CRT, PNRC, SRO, and tactical (currently TSET, but structured differently) into a coordinated, problem-solving police service model.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.10 Coordinate the efforts of more than one CRT when significant quality of life and/or crime problems dictate (e.g., cross division boundaries).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.11 Ensure that all CRT personnel receive outside and formal training in problem-oriented policing.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.12 Rotate Patrol personnel through CRT for familiarization for periods of 30 days.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.13 Ensure that all CRTs maintain detailed logs of their activities and accomplishments.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.14 Publish an annual report on the Greensboro Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

4.15 Provide funding for the Police Department to purchase tailored crime prevention materials/resources.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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4.16 Assure that all police employees, sworn and civilian, are trained in community policing and incorporate residents into the training as both trainers and participants. Course objectives could include:

- A. To increase understanding of community policing and problem-solving by officers, employees, staff, and residents;
- B. To provide a forum for the discussion of specific problems and concerns related to implementing community policing in Greensboro;
- C. To facilitate team building among Police Department employees;
- D. To facilitate team building among Police Department employees and residents;
- E. To enhance the participants' problem-solving abilities;
- F. To assure a better understanding and appreciation of cultural differences; and,
- G. To provide guidance on developing and maintaining partnerships between Police Department employees and stakeholders.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET	
Proj. Fund Status:	
Orig. Project Budget:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$
Available Budget:	\$

ESTIMATED COST	
Professional Services:	\$
Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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4.17 Consider a beat coordinator program as a central feature of community policing initiatives by utilizing members of the CRT and CCRT. This program would include the following steps for implementation:

- A. Identify specific district/multiple zones or geographic area for a pilot program;
- B. Seek input from patrol, detectives and specialty units on objectives;
- C. Establish specific performance measurements, or key performance indicators;
- D. Develop a plan for the beat coordinator program;
- E. Utilize eight-hour shifts for beat coordinators;
- F. Develop a job description for beat coordinator and beat coordinator supervisor (sergeant or lieutenant);
- G. Identify the qualifications for the positions;
- H. Conduct a formalized objective selection process;
- I. Train the beat coordinators and supervisor extensively in community-oriented policing and problem-oriented policing;
- J. Empower the beat coordinator to make decisions relative to problem solving and to work with all members of the Department;
- K. Assign one beat coordinator to a specific geographic area;
- L. Purchase and provide a take-home care for each beat coordinator/supervisor;
- M. Require all problems identified in a beat to be routed to the beat coordinator;
- N. Assure that the beat coordinators work with City departments, such as Public Works, and Parks and Recreation; and
- O. Evaluate the effectiveness/productivity/performance measurements of the program at the end of one year.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS – CHAPTER FIVE

Criminal Investigations Division

5.1 Initiate steps to provide adequate space for the criminal investigations functions.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Proj. Fund Status:	
Orig. Project Budget:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$
Available Budget:	\$

ESTIMATED COST	
Professional Services:	\$
Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Construction Cost:	\$
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5.2 Assign detectives to work evening hours and Saturdays. A two-team schedule could rotate detectives every two weeks from a day shift to a later afternoon/evening shift and one team could work Tuesday through Saturday.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.3 Maintain monthly reports on the frequency that detectives are called from home to report for work. The report should include such information as names, type of case, and amount of overtime. This data should be utilized in assessing the work schedules and staffing models for the future.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.4 Continue with its update of CID SOPs and assure that one comprehensive written directive on criminal investigations is included in the Department's written directives system; SOPs should have a specific number, rather than designation as a chapter.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.5 Utilize, as part of case management, written guidelines on solvability factors.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.6 Reduce the regular daily meetings of supervisors in the Criminal Investigations Division to one day a week, until and at such time as the squads work in one facility.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.7 Review the benefits of maintaining all detectives under a central command. One option is to centralize the investigations of murder, rape, robbery, juvenile and motor vehicle crimes at one facility, while residential and property crimes would be decentralized to patrol stations. This option is based on the Department utilizing crime analysts in operational crime analysis with daily information communicated at roll calls. The City involvement is required because of spatial needs. The chief of police should make the final determination.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.8 Fund at least one full-time position to handle Internet child predator issues in 2008, assign the officer to the special victims unit and expand the staffing to two positions in 2010. (Currently a detective is assigned from an existing squad to the function.)

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
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Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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5.9 Consolidate the Commercial Property Crimes Squad and the Residential Property Crimes Squad into a property crimes section.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.10 Abolish the rank of corporal and assign one lieutenant and one sergeant, per squad, to investigative functions for those units assigned to both day and evening work.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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Grants-Fed-State:	\$	Other Cost:	\$
Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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5.11 Fund three clerical positions for the Criminal Investigations functions to transcribe investigative reports, enter timesheet information into a computer and assist detectives in clerical activities.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$	Construction Cost:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$	Other Cost:	\$
Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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5.12 Prepare a formal written plan on any specialty unit prior to the transfer of patrol officers to the specialty unit; the plan should include purpose, objectives, hours of work, coordination with the Vice/Narcotics Division and current specialty units, cost and measurable outcomes.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.13 Require that future police-related budget requests be connected to meeting specific performance measurements and accountability processes in criminal investigations, including clearance rates for Index Crimes.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.14 Transfer the Robbery Suppression Unit members back to their original assignment and establish a tactical unit to respond to all types of crime problems.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.15 Work on converting the databases for 2003 and prior years to the new system to aid in the investigation of cold cases.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.16 Centralize the records of the CID into the Records Management function.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.17 Assign one lieutenant, one sergeant and six officers to a gang unit – five fewer positions than currently assigned.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.18 Assign the gang unit to the Criminal Investigations Division and place them on an eight-hour schedule, to include work on Saturday nights.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.19 Assign the crime analyst in CID to a centralized crime analysis section working.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.20 Fund one sergeant and four officers for domestic abuse and assign the personnel to the Criminal Investigations Division, Special Victims Unit.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
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Vice/Narcotics Division and Investigative Support Division

5.21 Assign 12 of the TSET members to the newly proposed narcotics division as a distinct street crimes unit to work street-level narcotics cases and assure coordination/collaboration among personnel involved in the enforcement of narcotics offenses in the Vice/Narcotics Division.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.22 Assign 12 of the TSET members to a permanent tactical section, which will focus on robberies, burglaries and other serious crimes through the use of stakeouts and high visibility patrols in specific areas, at specific times, as determined through real-time crime analysis and management direction.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.23 Transfer the two traffic officers and their K-9s currently assigned to work drug interdiction to the Vice/Narcotics Division, and two additional officers should be funded for this function. (New positions would be filled only after patrol officer positions are filled.)

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.24 Assign the detectives and officers in the Vice/Narcotics Division to work eight-hour shifts with a focus on late afternoon and evening shifts, to include Saturdays.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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5.25 Fund at least one additional full-time clerical position to transcribe reports for personnel assigned to Vice/Narcotics Division.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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5.26 Transfer the Canine Unit to a newly organized operations support division.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

5.27 Fund at least one investigator/detective assigned to the crime of arson. (The position that was cut needs to be restored.) Most cities the size of Greensboro have multiple arson investigators.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
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5.28 Assure that the City Attorney's Office work very closely with the Police Department in the handling of nuisance abatement cases, a typical process in other city governments.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

SUPPORT/MANAGEMENT SERVICES - CHAPTER SIX

Traffic Services Unit

6.1 Assure that the Traffic Services Unit personnel are focused to assist the patrol function in the Greensboro Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.2 Assign Traffic Services units to respond to priority 1 calls that are held more than one minute.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.3 *Assign the two traffic officers with K-9s currently assigned to the TSU to a proposed street-level narcotics section within the Vice/Narcotics Division.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Police Neighborhood Resource Centers

6.4 Revisit the staffing and hours of work for the PNRC section, since patrol officers are required to handle calls/crime at least 76 percent of the time in the five major GHA properties and a higher percentage in other GHA properties.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.5 Explore the assignment of PNRC personnel to two teams with at least one team working each Friday and Saturday night. Further, consider an eight-hour shift for maximum coverage in public housing, similar to the eight-hour schedule of detectives.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.6 Consider the benefits of one-officer cars for the PNRC.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.7 Reassess having PNRC officers involved in surveillance activities for prostitution or narcotics versus the use of marked patrol cars for police visibility the GHA properties.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.8 Assure that the patrol zone cars near the five GHA properties covered by PNRC are dispatched on priority 1 calls, unless the PNRC officers are closer to the location. Revisit the need for the PNRC section, since patrol officers are required to handle calls/crime at least 76 percent of the time in the five major GHA properties and approximately 100 percent of the time in other GHA properties.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Watch Operations Center/Telephone Response Unit

6.9 Continue to merge the Watch Operations and Telephone Response Unit functions to establish one entity. Continued conversion of positions could be done through attrition, thus minimizing costs.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Court Liaison

6.10 Monitor compliance with court attendance requirements to ensure continuing success of the function under sworn personnel.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Legal Support Unit/Warrant Unit

6.11 Ensure the full transition of responsibility for warrant data input and physical management to Records Management.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.12 Monitor the workload of all areas within the Legal Support Unit, especially noting the level of personnel assigned to the jail intake function. Based on workload and scheduling requirements, additional staffing may be necessary.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Forensics

6.13 Monitor and evaluate the staffing levels of the Forensics Division to ensure that growth and demand for services do not overtake the existing level of staffing.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.14 Monitor and evaluate the impact of the new SPI crime laboratory in Greensboro to assess the impact of proximity and availability of services; consideration may be given to partnering to provide enhanced or expanded services.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.15 Analyze the factors related to turnover in the Forensics unit and take steps, as necessary to stem this turnover. The City may need to become involved if attrition is related to salary levels.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.16 Ensure fair and equitable adherence to all departmental and division policies and procedures as well as the full understanding of these policies and procedures by all staff.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Property and Evidence

6.17 Fully implement the OSSI property and evidence module that allows seamless integration of data for property and evidence entry. This should also allow officers to enter property and evidence data and create their own property voucher.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.18 Have routine audits of the Property and Evidence Section conducted by individuals or an agency not affiliated with the Greensboro Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.19 Plan for sufficient property/evidence storage space for future needs, based upon growth, annexations and inability to destroy evidence.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.20 Take necessary steps to ensure that destruction surveys are responded to, thus allowing unnecessary evidence to be destroyed.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Records

6.21 Assure that the current records-related automation systems continue to receive a priority for ongoing maintenance and upgrades.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.22 Continue to maintain a high priority on planned enhancements and new automation applications and systems supporting the Greensboro Police Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.23 Assure that patrol officers and supervisors are properly trained in their duties regarding the completion and submission of incident reports, including proper classification in accordance with UCR/IBR requirements.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.24 Monitor the flow of reports to ensure that pending cases are received by the Criminal Investigations Division and other appropriate units throughout the Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.25 Conduct quarterly audits of the records process to ensure that all cases are accounted for and have been properly processed, including being forwarded for further review/action.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.26 Reestablish the records administrator position to ensure proper oversight of the records management function and an adequate span of control.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.27 Absorb the staff of the Case Processing Unit into Records Management and current responsibilities maintained while assuming additional records oriented responsibilities.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.28 Enhance mutual respect among sworn and non-sworn members of the Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Information Technology

6.29 Involve OSSI, the vendor for CAD, in fixing IT problems involving the collection and transfer of accurate, reliable information between CAD (GM 91 1) and the various modules of the police system.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.30 Assure that someone other than crime analysts are routinely made aware of the problems in the automated system.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.31 Provide adequate time for the Police Department to access and review necessary data and explain the data in writing before releasing that information to the public (requests from City officials and residents), until the systems are working reliably.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.32 Establish a task force, designating an individual to be responsible for holding regular meetings each month, for a period of one year, to discuss data issues and assure a team approach from all agencies involved with the IT functions related to public safety.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.33 Civilianize the captain position in the Resource Management Division and assure that the civilian selected to fill this position has a wide ranging knowledge of information technology.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.34 Civilianize the captain position in the Information Technology Division, ensuring that the person selected to fill the position is an information technology professional.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.35 Assure that the multiple automated systems at patrol divisions can communicate with one another. Application requirements must be coordinated with the Department's IT section prior to any development or programming.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.36 Ensure that funding and support are made available to continue and complete the transition to laptop capability in vehicles. This is an issue of both technology growth and enhancement as well as, and more importantly, officer safety.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Crime Analysis

6.37 Assign personnel in the crime analysis function to work an eight-hour day, Monday through Friday. This schedule should include some evening shifts to assure communication and coordination about crime analysis among patrol officers and investigators.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.38 Establish a working group to review and revitalize the crime analysis function and determine how it can better meet the needs of the Department.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.39 Relocate the crime analysis function within the organization to the proposed field operations deputy chief and consolidate all crime analysis positions under one civilian supervisor.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.40 Change the role of crime analysis from editing dispatch data and submitting monthly reports to a daily operational assessment of crime reports from the field and disseminate the information on a daily basis to all operational personnel, patrol, traffic, K-9, CRT, CCRT, PNRC, SROs and investigations.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.41 House the crime analysis function in the future in an area that is more and equally accessible to staff and operational personnel.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Fiscal Management

6.42 Initiate efforts to civilianize the sergeant's position in this unit, and staff the position with an individual knowledgeable in the areas of budget and finance.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.43 Re-institute the planning capability within the Department by creating new non-sworn positions of police planner and locating the positions and the function in the Office of the Chief.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Alarm Program

6.44 Work with OSSI and Cry Wolf vendors/programs to develop an interface between the applications.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

Logistics

6.45 Monitor staffing levels to ensure no issues arise, due to minimal levels of staffing, which impact officer safety.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.46 Consider a more traditional take home vehicle program, at no cost to the participating officers. including permitting the officers to utilize the vehicles for personal reasons.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$	Construction Cost:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$	Other Cost:	\$
Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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6.47 Institute a vehicle deadlining program to promote safety and professionalism.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.48 Prohibit self-initiated trading or exchanging of vehicles or other assigned equipment.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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6.49 Review the Department's vehicle inventory to ensure the proper allocation and ratios of vehicles.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

6.50 Re-institute the planning function within the Department, hire two civilian police planners and place this unit, in conjunction with the IT function, in the Office of the Chief of Police under a civilian manager.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
Other Fund Sources:	\$	Construction Cost:	\$
Grants-Fed-State:	\$	Other Cost:	\$
Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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WRITTEN DIRECTIVES - CHAPTER SEVEN

7.1 Ensure that all employees are trained on all Police Department policies relating to their work.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

7.2 Conduct a regularly scheduled review of both its directives and standard operating procedures to ensure they are current and consistent.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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7.3 Consider a differentiating numbering system for directives and standard operating procedures with unique leading identifiers for the bureau and division standard operating procedures.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

7.4 Place the accreditation/policy function within the proposed planning unit.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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7.5 Continue the strong support for, and cooperation with, the accreditation function and its related responsibilities.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - CHAPTER EIGHT

Recruitment and Selection

8.1 Support a formal and structured recruiting program designed to attract greater quantities of quality applicants, including racial/ethnic and gender minorities for sworn positions. Such an effort should be staffed with at least one permanent and fulltime sworn officer.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.2 Continue the annual update of the affirmative action program.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.3 Develop a police officer announcement which has the appeal of the current announcement found only in the application packet.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.4 Minimize the number of sworn and civilian vacancies that exist at any point in time.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.5 Identify sworn police positions that can be civilianized.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.6 Closely monitor the increasing attrition among sworn ranks.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.7 Ensure that there is a program to sequentially track applicant flow/attrition by selection component by gender and race/ethnicity from application to final disposition (i.e., hired or not hired).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.8 Continue to resist the inclination to hire borderline applicants, as defined in the psychological assessment, in order to fill trainee vacancies.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.9 Require an exit interview to ensure that all personnel attrition is tracked by specific reason, gender and race/ethnicity.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.10 Ensure that there is a more active involvement of Human Resources staff in the recruitment and selection of sworn police personnel.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.11 Ensure that a more formal oral board interview process is employed to include the training of evaluators, guidelines for evaluating applicant responses, and clear procedures for the scoring of applicant performance.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.12 Ensure that adverse impact analyses are conducted for all selection components.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.13 Reduce the size of the current seven-member Chief Selection Committee.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.14 Further reduce the amount of time necessary to fully process a sworn police officer application.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.15 Ensure that full-time police recruiter receives formal training in an outside, high quality and recognized police recruiting course.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.16 Encourage use of the recruitment incentive program, but consider paying the bonus only after the recruit has successfully completed all or a portion of the academy.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.17 Assess the reasons for all attrition evident in the current PBIC academy (i.e., Class 88).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Promotions

8.18 Implement the key principles for developing and administering promotional processes for both sworn and non-sworn ranks/classifications as previously described in this section.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.19 More fully utilize staff of the Human Resources Department to monitor all promotional processes.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.20 Continue to encourage minority (i.e., ethnic/racial and gender) participation in all promotional and specialized assignment selection processes.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.21 Continue to specify in writing all procedures pertaining to the administration of any promotional process, and ensure dissemination of the document to all sworn personnel. Areas to be addressed should include the following: purpose, policy, administrative responsibility, existing list, duration of list, eligibility, application, written examination (if used), source materials, written examination preparation classes (if offered), written examination scoring (if used), appeals for written examination (if used), written examination feedback (if provided), qualification for oral board (or other procedure), oral board preparation classes (if offered), oral board (or other procedure), final rankings, publication of eligibility list, supervisory input (if any), promotion appointment procedure (Rule of Three), and probationary period.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.22 Employ closed-book tests in addition to open-book tests for the ranks of POII, SPO and MPO.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.23 Eliminate the corporal position (if maintained) as "position specific," and generalize it to a first-line supervisory position where such personnel can be assigned as needed. A suggested alternative to corporal is sergeant as the first level of supervision.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.24 Abolish the rank of corporal and utilize the rank of sergeant as the first level of supervision.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

BUDGET		ESTIMATED COST	
Proj. Fund Status:			
Orig. Project Budget:	\$	Professional Services:	\$
Rev Project Budget:	\$	Land-R/W-Cost:	\$
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Available Budget:	\$	Total Estimated Cost:	\$

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8.25 Develop structured and weighted promotional processes for corporal, sergeant and lieutenant where rank orders or categories are created through the weighting of at least three components (i.e., written, oral, and track record).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.26 Conduct promotional processes every two years rather than every year with eligibility lists in place at all times.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.27 Adopt a Rule of Three, or similar, to govern the promotional appointment process.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.28 *Eliminate the 70 percent written examination cut-off score, and adopt a "top x number" to specify the number of people who will continue to the next phase of the promotional process at the ranks of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant, (if the rank of corporal is retained).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.29 Ensure that each testing component (e.g., oral board) has specific and detailed benchmarks for every question/sub-question to be used for evaluating candidate performance.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.30 *Ensure that all candidates are evaluated by the same assessors, or that all questions are evaluated by the same assessors for promotional oral board testing components.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.31 Continue the systematic collection of data pertaining to the performance of candidates participating in all promotional processes (e.g., number taking each examination component, number passing each examination component, average scores on each component, sex, race/ethnicity).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.32 Ensure that assessors used in oral boards have ample time to evaluate the performance of candidates, and require them to come to consensus on their individual ratings.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.33 Assess the presence or absence of adverse impact in all future promotional process components.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.34 Assure that there is no promotional component that results in staff officers writing names on a board for discussion of candidates for promotion.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.35 Ensure that announcements of all openings in specialized assignments take place.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.36 Implement a formal promotional process for the rank of captain.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.37 Consider reducing the amount of time in grade in order to be eligible for the ranks of SPO and MPO (e.g., seven and fifteen years, instead of ten and twenty years, respectively).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.38 Consider use of assessment centers in future promotional processes for sergeant and lieutenant.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.39 Eliminate or substantially revise the Promotional Potential Evaluation (P.E.).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.40 Consider, in revising promotional processes, the "Promotional Process Proposal For The Greensboro Police Department" submitted in November of 2007 by a Greensboro Police Officers Association member.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Training and Career Development

8.41 Incorporate community and problem-oriented policing into the recruit academy curriculum.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.42 Incorporate diversity training into the recruit academy curriculum.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.43 Ensure that there is equity in the distribution of specialty training opportunities.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.44 Ensure that the subjects of community and problem-oriented policing and diversity are incorporated into both in-service and supervisory training programs.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.45 Make use of training bulletins as an effective and inexpensive form of continuing in-service training.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.46 Ensure that all training programs of whatever type are periodically evaluated as to their effectiveness.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.47 Combine STEP and C.P. into one career development program.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.48 Reinstate the recently lost civilian position in the academy.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.49 Conduct an internal audit of training records.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.50 Determine whether additional hours of instruction can be deleted from the current recruit academy curriculum.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.51 Increase the compensation of PTOs.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.52 Revitalize the Educational Intern Program.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Performance Evaluations

8.53 Discontinue use of the term “performance evaluation,” and substitute the term “performance management.” The latter terminology is more encompassing, focusing on improvement/development rather than assessment alone.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.54 Develop a structured performance management system for the ranks of lieutenant, captain and assistant chief.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.55 Ensure that any performance management system used by the police is consistent with professional and legal guidelines.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.56 Ensure that what is in performance management policy is in performance management practice.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.57 Ensure that all supervisory personnel receive training in the use of the new patrol officer performance management forms and system.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.58 Ensure that the new Patrol Bureau performance management system is in compliance with the essential elements of a useful and respected performance management system as described earlier in this section.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.59 Consider eliminating the dimension weights employed in both the current and new performance management systems.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.60 Ensure revision of Policy 1.3 entitled, "Organization, Rank Structure, and Duties," so as to reflect current characteristics.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.61 Update and date all Statements of Duties and Responsibilities.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.62 Develop Statements of Duties and Responsibilities for those positions for which there are none.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Loss of Employee Services

8.63 Continue to monitor sick leave usage, and initiate remedial actions with those suspected of abuse.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.64 Ensure that employees on limited duty status do not exceed the 130 business day limit unless fully documented and justified.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.65 Routinely collect information pertaining to the nature and cause of on-the-job injuries sustained by personnel.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.66 Utilize job injury information for the purpose of developing and implementing focused injury prevention initiatives.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Labor/Management Relations

8.67 Encourage communication between the two sworn labor groups on issues of mutual concern.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.68 Revise the current grievance procedure to reduce the current number of review levels, and the time it takes to arrive at formal grievance dispositions.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.69 Produce more useful analyses of grievances by collectively examining them over multiple years.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.70 Maintain an up-to-date record of grievance dispositions.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.71 Establish and maintain a non-adversarial climate surrounding the submission of employee grievances.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.72 Redefine the unfounded and not sustained citizen complaint disposition definitions so as to eliminate current ambiguity.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.73 Eliminate use of the reasonable disposition and replace it with the exonerated disposition.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.74 Reexamine the nature and staffing of the Internal Affairs Section with a view to elevating ranks and increasing staff (minimum of sergeant rank and one additional personnel).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.75 Continue to reduce the amount of time necessary to complete Internal Affairs Section investigations.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.76 Continue to review, and ensure correction as necessary, all field investigations or inquiries conducted by supervisory personnel regarding alleged employee misconduct.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.77 Ensure final dispositions for two employee conduct cases where there is disagreement between the Department and the CRC.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.78 Develop a brochure, in plain English and Spanish, that describes the citizen complaint/commendation process in a non-threatening and citizen friendly manner.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.79 Perform outreach activities to ensure widespread distribution of both the current CRC and the to-be-developed GPD brochures.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.80 Reexamine the severity of discipline, especially regarding sustained citizen complaints, with an eye to increasing the amount of discipline.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.81 Redefine levels of discipline, and reduce the four levels of reprimand to one or two levels.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.82 Ensure that the definitions and data collection regarding inquiries, administrative investigations and citizen complaints are clearly differentiated from one another to include specification of the investigative entity (i.e., supervisory level or Internal Affairs Section).

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.83 Examine the relatively low percentage of sustained administrative investigations with an eye to reducing the number, but increasing the rate of sustained dispositions.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.84 Seek to minimize the amount of time employees are on administrative leave for disciplinary reasons.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.85 Develop a written policy which addresses pay while employees are on administrative leave for disciplinary reasons.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.86 Continue to support and enhance the use of the following programs: Peer Support Program and Team, Chaplaincy Program, Health and Fitness Program, Suggestion Program, Departmental Awards and Extra Departmental Awards Programs, Employee Drug Testing Program, and Psychological Assessment Program.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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Off-Duty Employment

8.87 Conduct an audit (City) of the off-duty employment program on an annual basis.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.88 Assign watch commanders (proposed captains) and commanders of divisions to conduct periodic checks of work sites in the City to assure that personnel are working at a designated location, including days, nights and weekends.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.89 Explore the potential for software that will match records on payroll by date with off-duty jobs.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.90 Revise the written directive to limit the number of total hours that an employee can work on duty or off duty in any 24-hour period, not just a calendar day.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.91 Assure that division commanders monitor the number of off-duty hours worked by their subordinates to assure that off-duty work is not negatively impacting the on-duty work of subordinates.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.92 Institute swift discipline of personnel when there are sustained complaints of employees violating off-duty job policies and procedures, or a failure to manage/supervise personnel engaged in off-duty employment within their commands.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.93 Assure that the amount of funds for overhead is sufficient to pay for the costs of administering the program and the potential legal costs of civil suits arising from, or in connection with, off-duty employment that is sanctioned by the City.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

8.94 Ensure compliance with the policy provision that officers may not exceed the maximum 15 and one-half hours of combined on-duty and off-duty employment.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response:

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8.95 Ensure compliance with the policy governing outside employment so that such employment does not detrimentally impact officers' fitness for regular duty.

Police Response:

Status:

City Manager Response: