

	CLEARFIELD COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures	Initial: 10/2005
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	Subject: Officer Status Checks	

OFFICER STATUS CHECKS

This program serves as a safety check for officers who are involved in certain kinds of incidents. These status checks will also apply to on duty sheriff's deputies.

A. OFFICER SAFETY

1. Officer safety is of great importance to the Communications Center, therefore; the ***Communications Center must be made aware*** when officers are out of the vehicle on any incidents. A status check will be made with officers when they are out of the vehicle for the following reasons:
 - a. Vehicle stops.
 - b. Warrant service
 - c. When checking open door conditions.
 - d. Burglar alarm response.
 - e. Any incident involving weapons of any kind.
 - f. Any violent incident. (Fighting, physical abuse / domestic, etc.)
 - g. Any other incident, where, in the dispatchers judgment, there would be a physical risk to the responding officer.
2. An attempt will be made to make contact with the officer within ten (10) minutes, trying ***no less*** than once every minute. If within the established 10 minutes contact cannot be made, the dispatcher will send the next closest available police department to check on the officer's welfare. The dispatcher will also notify the chief of the absent officer's department at that time. The dispatchers ***will not*** be responsible for calling different locations based upon officer's habits to check on his status before another department is sent to check the officer's welfare.
3. The Communications Center will not be responsible for making radio safety checks to an officer or department who has switched from our radio frequency to assist another department. The time the officer left and returned to our frequency will be noted.
4. When an officer fails to comply with the safety check policy, the Communications Center will not be responsible for the safety of that officer.