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CRAIG POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Chief of Police
General Order

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I. POLICY

The Department frequently responds to loud party and other noise complaints. The initial police contact will usually resolve the problem. If it does not, the Department will take appropriate measures to restore and preserve the peace.

II. PROCEDURE

The following procedure is provided as a guide to assist in the handling of party and other noise complaints. It is not intended to cover all contingencies or prohibit officer discretion.

A. Good judgment must be used in the handling of noise complaints. There will be situations where the noise is found to be so disorderly that enforcement action may be necessary on first contact. Conversely, there will also be situations where a second or third complaint is received and subsequent investigation reveals the complaint is unfounded and intervention unnecessary.

B. When responding to a noise complaint of any type, officers should attempt to contact the person in charge of the gathering and request that he/she monitor the conduct of the people attending and ensure that voices and/or sound equipment are kept at a reasonable level. The person should be advised that a second complaint might involve enforcement action and dispersal of the gathering.

C. Enforcement action is warranted in the event there is a flagrant disregard of a warning or whenever a second complaint is received and responding officers find that a disturbance still exists. Officers may elect to disperse the gathering and/or cite and release, or effect physical arrests as necessary to restore and preserve the peace.

D. In cases where an incident is to be dispersed, the on-duty Supervisor must be advised prior to the action.

The Supervisor or Command Officer shall respond to and coordinate all dispersals that require the presence of a large number of officers. They shall assure that the number of officers present is sufficient to safely accomplish the task.

Approved By:

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