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CRAIG POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Chief of Police
General Order

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Subject: **Special Operations**
To: All Officers

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- I. Discussion:** Due to the size of the Department, many types of special operations do not exist. Should the need arise for some type of special operation, the task will generally be delegated to another agency or a request made for another agency to assist in handling the situation.

Any written operations plans that the department maintains will follow NIMS/ICS principles, be accessible to all command personnel, and will be reviewed bi-annually.

II. Policy

- A. Special Response Team (SRT): The Police Department and Sheriff's Department have a joint tactical response unit. Should a situation arise where this type of operation is needed, SRT has the expertise, and would be contacted to handle the situation. The SRT Policy and Procedure Manual will govern all SRT activities.
- B. Special Purpose Vehicle Operation - Vehicles of this type generally do not exist within the department but may be obtained from the Moffat County Sheriff's Office.
- C. Decoy Operations - As a general rule this type of operation is not conducted within the City of Craig.
- D. Coverage of Special Events & VIP Visits – The Operations Division Commander will coordinate the activities utilizing assistance of area agencies and other resources available. A written action plan based on NIMS/ICS principles will be utilized and maintained for future reference.
- E. Undercover and surveillance operations: An undercover investigator will not contact any suspects unless cover units are nearby in visual or audible contact to provide back up for the investigator. For this type of operation an adequate number of investigators to safely conduct this type of investigation is required.
1. In most of these operations support personnel should consist of a minimum of one (1) full team (supervisor and two officers). If the operation is determined to be of a high risk or with several suspects, other teams and/or additional personnel will be assigned. Uniformed law enforcement personnel may also be required. Support members shall document their observations in order to corroborate the undercover investigator's actions and observations. These surveillance notes shall be turned over to the case agent as soon as practical following the operation.

2. Surveillance operations solely intended to gather intelligence on criminal operations or conduct may be accomplished by a single officer as long as that officer has the ability to request immediate assistance should it be needed. (This type of surveillance operation does not anticipate taking any type of immediate law enforcement action.)

E. Coverage of Disasters

Moffat County Emergency Preparedness disaster plan establishes procedures for disasters and other types of emergencies.

1. The Moffat County Emergency Preparedness disaster plan outlines functions and operations for dealing with emergency and disaster incidents, utilizing the ICS system.
2. The department's responsibilities under the plan will be reviewed and updated on a bi-annual basis and available to Command Staff.

F. Civil Defense Emergencies

Handled by Moffat County Emergency Preparedness officials.

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