


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order Number: 4.50</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: SUPPORT NOTIFICATIONS</p>	<p>Amends:</p>		<p>Rescinds:</p>
<p>Index as: Emergency Notifications; Notifications; Support Notifications</p>	<p>State Certification Standards:</p>		
<p>Special Instructions:</p>			

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding Support Notifications in circumstances when deputies need assistance from other sources both within and outside the department.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that personnel who respond to calls are provided with the support needed to successfully complete the assignments.

DISCUSSION

There may be circumstances when personnel respond to an incident and need guidance or support. The required support may be from within or without the department. It is impossible to determine all circumstances when personnel may need assistance. This General Order is a guideline for possible needs.

I. SUPPORT NOTIFICATIONS

- A. The County Coroner will be notified in all death cases by the Rabun County Central Communications Center personnel at the direction of the Shift Supervisor, Criminal Investigations Division personnel, or other on-scene supervisor in the following circumstances: (O.C.G.A. 45-16-24)
 - 1. Violence death;
 - 2. Death by suicide;
 - 3. Death by natural or accidental circumstances;
 - 4. Sudden death when the victim is in apparent good health;
 - 5. Unattended death in the absence of an on-scene physician; or
 - 6. Any death of a suspicious or unusual manner.
- B. The notification of the Medical Examiner is the responsibility of the County Coroner. (O.C.G.A. 45-16-25)
- C. Notification of the Georgia Department of Transportation or the Rabun County Roads Department will be made when there is any condition in or adjacent to the roadway that may jeopardize the safety of motorists or pedestrians.
 - 1. If the condition represents a potential hazard or may impede normal traffic flow, deputies shall remain on the scene and activate emergency warning lights to warn others of the potential danger, until appropriate corrective measures have been taken; for example, non-functioning traffic signals and missing/damaged street signs or conditions such as the removal of debris, fallen trees, or dead animals or substances on the roadway that may cause motorists to lose control such as ice, snow, spilled oil, loose sand or gravel require immediate action.
 - 2. Notification will be made to the Rabun County Central Communications Center by the on-scene officer by providing the type of service/repair needed and whether the roadway is a state route or a county road. If a state route, the Georgia Department of Transportation will be notified. If a county road, the Rabun County Roads Department will be notified.
 - 3. Depending upon the nature of the problem (public utilities), the on-scene officer may need to request that the Rabun County Central Communications personnel contact gas, electric, phone, or water authorities.
- D. Notification of news media personnel shall be made by the Public Information Officer as prescribed by the General Order on Media Relations or by the Sheriff or his designee(s).
- E. Notification of Criminal Investigation Division personnel will only be made with the prior approval of the Shift Supervisor. Immediate notification is required in the following situations:
 - 1. In all death cases;
 - 2. Any reported criminal offense requiring immediate or quick follow-up investigations; and
 - 3. In all missing person cases.

4. Notification of members of the command staff will be in accordance with existing departmental directives.
- F. Immediate notification of Animal Control is required in the following situations:
1. Bite cases to humans that are fresh and which cause a break in the skin;
 2. Injured animals;
 3. Animal impoundment when directed by an officer or any other peace officer.

II. ROUTINE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Any time an employee of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office is injured and requires medical treatment, the following notifications will be made:

- A. On scene personnel will notify the Division Commander.
- B. The Division Commander will notify the Chief Deputy and the Sheriff.
- C. It is the responsibility of the employee's supervisor to notify the Rabun County Risk Manager.



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