

## New Bedford Police General Order

Subject <b>FIELD INTERROGATION AND OBSERVATION REPORT</b>	General Order Number <b>4-05</b>
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The purpose of this General Order is to reissue Directive #25 entitled: "Field Interrogation and Observation Report" issued December 10, 1971.

### 1./ Field Interrogation and Observation (FIO) System

A./ Effective immediately, a Field Interrogation and Observation Report System will be put into operation.

B./ The purpose of this system is to centralize and coordinate all information regarding persons who have been questioned or observed under suspicious circumstances, or conditions, in the field where ordinarily a written report would not have been made or required.

### 2./ Field Procedures

A./ Commanding Officers will distribute several copies of F.I.O. report forms to each officer under his command. Attached is a sample of the form. Additional copies are available from the Central Supply Bureau.

B./ Any officer, who makes a field interrogation or observation (when a formal report would not be made or required), will fill in whatever information he has on a F.I.O. report form and submit the report to his Commanding Officer at the end of his tour of duty.

C./ The Commanding Officer will then seal all F.I.O. report forms received, in an envelope, and forward directly to the Commanding Officer, Criminal Investigation Division (CO, CID).

3./ CID Procedures

A./ The CO, CID, will be responsible for the security and maintenance of a permanent records system of F.I.O. reports received.

B./ The CO, CID, or his designated representative, will screen all F.I.O. reports daily and forward information received to the division or unit where such information would be of value.

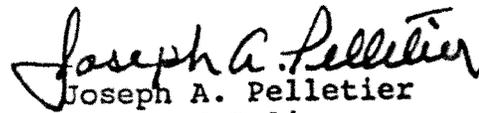
C./ Information, regarding persons wanted, suspected criminals who may be operating in the city, suspicious car registrations, etc., will be distributed by the CID to all units and divisions as necessary.

4./ F.I.O. System Generally

A./ This system will provide a better flow of information in both directions and the whole department will be better informed and prepared to prevent crimes and apprehend persons who have committed criminal offenses.

B./ Commanding Officers should encourage officers to turn in F.I.O. reports even if it is just a car registration observed being operated in a suspicious manner or parked in an area where conditions do not appear normal.

C./ This system will produce desired results in proportion to the efforts put into it.

  
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cc: All Divisions and Bureaus  
Attachment