

**NEW BEDFORD**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**DIRECTIVE**

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TO: COMMANDING OFFICERS

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: OPERATION S.T.A.N.D.

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines for the implementation of the *Specialized Team Against Neighborhood Disorders (Operation S.T.A.N.D.)* Officers assigned to Operation S.T.A.N.D. shall be engaged in specialized tactics, and operations designed to prevent, or deter youth gang disorders and the violent crime that goes hand-in-hand with these types of disorders. Recognizing that these youth gang disorders are basically located in identifiable areas of the city, a primary assumption exists that, by definition, this operation must be neighborhood-oriented. A second assumption must be that in order for these efforts to be effective, they must be directed through careful analysis of available data regarding these groups and their crimes.

The goals of *Operation S.T.A.N.D.* are:

1. *To aggressively identify and target the known gangs in the City of New Bedford and their crimes.*
2. *To reduce the effect that these gangs have on the quality of life in the neighborhoods of New Bedford through arrest of violators for all observed violations of law.*
3. *To establish a clearinghouse of information on gangs and gang-related crimes in the Police Department by utilizing the resources available internally as well as externally in the community.*
4. *To coordinate efforts of internal and external elements aimed at reducing the levels of fear in the neighborhoods plagued by these gangs through intensive enforcement efforts.*
5. *To establish a climate in the City of New Bedford that Youth Gang Disorders and the attendant violent crime will not be tolerated.*

Operation S.T.A.N.D. will incorporate the following objectives:

- 1. Identify and Target Known Gangs and their Crimes.**
- 2. Identify and Deter Criminal Activity at "Hot Spots" (Locations of Recurring Incidents Involving These Gangs).**
- 3. Target Habitual Offenders (New Bedford's Most Wanted) for Warrant Apprehension.**
- 4. Utilize Intensive Crime Analysis Methods to Identify Patterns, Trends, and Forecast Activity.**
- 5. Directed Enforcement Efforts based upon Crime Analysis.**
- 6. Utilize Alternative Methods of Deployment to Arrest Violators.**
- 7. Utilize Field Interrogation Reports as a Means of Gathering Information on Gang Members and Their Vehicles.**
- 8. Utilize a "ZERO TOLERANCE" Attitude with Arrest as the Preferred Response to any Violations Involving Youth Gangs and Violent Crime.**

The key concept in Operation S.T.A.N.D. is *deterrence*; deterrence of offenses, as well as deterrence of gang activity. Incorporated in this concept is the understanding that these methods are directed, specialized, and intensive.

The goals of Operation S.T.A.N.D. will be met by the deployment of a special unit, led by a Sergeant. This unit will be a part of the Special Operations Unit under the command of Deputy Chief Robert J. Vital, and reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police. The personnel assigned to the unit will report to the Sergeant (**Unit 50**). Personnel allocated will comprise the three K9 officers as well as three additional patrol officers, working the hours from 6:00PM through 2:00AM.

Although the K9 officers assigned to Operation S.T.A.N.D. are expected to devote their on-duty time to these duties, they may be utilized to perform the duties of K9 officers as described in General Order # 91-33. Dispatchers shall however, coordinate this deployment through Unit 50.

Officers assigned to Operation S.T.A.N.D. are not intended to serve as primary response units for calls for service. In the event that no patrol units are available to respond to a Priority One call, then units from this operation may be dispatched for

immediate response, however as soon as a patrol unit becomes available, responsibility for

the investigation shall revert to units of the Uniform Patrol Division. This same circumstance shall apply to any incident in which any officer requires emergency assistance.

In the event that a call for service is determined to be gang-related and directly relates to the mission of this special assignment, then the officers assigned to Operation S.T.A.N.D. may take over the investigation and free the Uniform Patrol Division from responsibility for the investigation. Officers assigned should look to their supervisor for guidance in these circumstances.

Cases should as a practice be carried to their normal conclusion, however those requiring further investigation should be referred to the appropriate unit of this department. The mission of this special unit is *not* to supplement the existing investigative units of the department. Information generated through their activities revealing a pattern of criminal activity shall be forwarded to the appropriate division of the department ( i.e., Uniform Patrol, Violent Crime Unit, NOVA, Juvenile, etc.).

***The fundamental principle behind Operation S.T.A.N.D. is that information regarding the activity of gangs and gang-related crimes must flow freely between all elements of this department.***

  
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