

	SECTION:	OPERATIONS	OPR-241
	CHAPTER:	SPECIAL INCIDENTS AND SITUATIONS	
	DIRECTIVE:	MUTUAL AID	

241.01 SUMMARY

This directive describes procedures for situations requiring mutual aid. It is the policy of the Department to participate, on a reciprocal basis, in mutual aid situations with other law enforcement agencies for the common good of the community. Such aid may include assignment of personnel and equipment as deemed necessary and reasonable by the person having the decision-making authority to furnish the aid requested.

When possible, personnel and equipment from mutual aid provider agencies will be used in support capacities to minimize exposure to hazardous situations. Also, an attempt will be made to use these personnel so as to limit their involvement in subsequent criminal justice proceedings.

Any decision to provide mutual aid to a requesting agency must consider the need for maintaining adequate law enforcement services for the City of Grand Junction and amount of aid given will be based on the current needs of the City. The ability to give exact numbers of Officers or specific types of equipment is not possible because of conditions that may exist at any given time.

241.02 DEFINITIONS

MUTUAL AID – The furnishing of personnel and equipment to augment the capabilities of another law enforcement agency.

SITUATIONS – Circumstances in which a request for mutual aid has been made by a person authorized to make the request to a person with the authority to provide the mutual aid.

241.03 GENERAL PROCEDURES

SHORT TERM AID – Decision-making authority to grant or request short term mutual aid for on-duty personnel and/or a Police Canine unit rests with the on-duty Shift Supervisor.

- The Operations Deputy Chief shall be notified via Chain of Command of any short term mutual aid request by the following business day.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS – The Operations Deputy Chief shall approve mutual aid requests for the Hazardous Device Team, SWAT or the calling in of any off-duty personnel.

- Decisions to provide or request extensive or long-term mutual aid or special operations shall be made by the Chief of Police or designee.

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- Agencies requesting mutual aid will be asked to send a teletype to the Department stating the nature of the mutual aid request and what resources are being requested.

STATE OR FEDERAL AID – Emergency mutual aid from the State or Federal Government shall be requested by the Mayor or designee of the Mayor if the Mayor is absent.

- State assistance, including assistance from the National Guard, is requested through the Office of the Governor.
- Federal assistance is requested through the Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

EXISTING LEGISLATION – C.R.S. 29-5 covers many aspects of mutual aid when Police and Sheriff's Departments are involved in emergency situations. Included in this coverage are:

- Legal status and relationship of those providing assistance pertaining to liability for negligent or tortuous acts, worker's compensation and death and disability benefits.
- Legal authority to act on the part of those providing assistance.
- Procedures for requesting mutual aid.
- Identity of persons authorized to request mutual aid.
- Identity of persons to whom those providing assistance are to report, including supervisory chain.

**241.04 REQUESTING
AGENCY
RESPONSIBILITIES**

REPAIR COSTS – The cost of repairs or replacement for equipment damaged in conjunction with a mutual aid situation are the responsibility of the requesting agency.

PERSONNEL COSTS – The costs for personnel, including replacement personnel, and equipment operation for agencies operating outside their normal jurisdiction for long term mutual aid situations will normally be borne by the requesting agency. Additionally, reimbursement will be requested for any conditional use or planned event.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS – It is the responsibility of the requesting agency to provide necessary radio communication links in those situations where responding agencies are not able to establish radio communication.

241.05 MASS ARREST SITUATIONS

To the extent practicable, in mass arrest situations an Officer from this department will effect arrests and accompany arrestees from the point of arrest to the arrestee processing facility. Personnel from responding agencies in mutual aid situations will assist in physical custody, security and transport of arrestees.

- Personnel from responding agencies in mutual aid situations who are available for processing of arrestees and operating temporary detention facilities will operate under direction of the Sheriff's Department.

