

	<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>ADM-112</b>
	<b>CHAPTER:</b>	<b>CHAIN OF COMMAND</b>	
	<b>DIRECTIVE:</b>	<b>COMMAND PROTOCOL</b>	

**112.01 SUMMARY**

This directive describes the chain of command protocol used in exceptional and/or those situations involving personnel from different functions engaged in a single operation.

**112.02 AUTHORITY OF COMMAND**

**FIRST OFFICER ON SCENE** – The authority of command at any incident will lie with the first Officer on the scene until such time as the Officer assigned to the call arrives. At that point, the assigned Officer is in command until he/she relinquishes to, or is relieved by, a Corporal/Training Officer or Supervisor. The assigned Officer shall relinquish command to another Officer (e.g. Detective or assigned Officer) brought in to conduct the investigation because of specialized skills or assignment or is a Supervisor.

**CORPORAL/SERGEANT** – A Corporal or Sergeant may assume command of a scene from the Officer assigned if requested by the Officer, directed by a Supervisor, or if the Corporal/Sergeant believes because of existing factors and circumstances it is in the best interest of the Department to assume command of the incident from the Officer.

**ON-DUTY COMMANDER IS RANKING OFFICER IN CHARGE**– Unless or until relieved by a Deputy Chief or Chief of Police, the on-duty Patrol Section Commander is the ranking police official and is responsible for the totality of police service provided to the citizens of Grand Junction.

The Commander has the authority to correct deficiencies immediately, as he/she sees fit. If such corrective actions involve Sections normally outside their command, the Commander shall prepare documentation for the actions taken and forward the documentation to the Operations Deputy Chief via the chain of command.

**PATROL AND SWAT COMMANDER(S)** – Where special circumstances exist that involve a hostage/ barricaded subject situation, requiring mobilization of the SWAT Team, the Commander will assume the duties of incident Site Commander. The Commander of the SWAT Team, regardless of rank, will be subordinate to the Site Commander. If the hostage/barricaded subject situation occurs when the SWAT Team Commander is also the Shift Commander, a relief Shift Commander will be called in to assume the duties and responsibilities for the Patrol Section.

