Chapter 9-01

PATROL ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

I. POLICY

Purpose: To insure the safety and welfare of Sun Lakes security and Phase II Patrol Personnel, the following guidelines for requesting security/patrol assistance from another department shall be implemented in emergency situations.

A. Requests for assistance for criminal activity. The requesting officer's first priority is to contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction for that area. The unit requested to respond will be briefed on the situation, to include the location, nature of the incident the location where he is to respond, and where he is to be positioned. He will also be informed as to whether a law enforcement agency has been contacted.

B. Requests for assistance in non-criminal activities. The requesting officer is in charge of the situation regardless of the rank of the responding unit and will make the necessary decisions to resolve the matter pertaining to non-criminal activities. He will complete necessary written reports, supplemented by statements from the responding unit, when necessary.

C. Entry into suspected open properties. Entry will not be made into open buildings. Units will be in a standby mode until the arrival of a law enforcement officer, at which time they are released from the incident, unless requested by the responding officer to remain on the scene and assist.

D. Armed response. Phase II patrolmen are unarmed. Phase I and Phase III patrolmen will not brandish weapons when responding to a request for assistance in Phase II areas.

E. Response priorities. Response to incidents in each department's respective areas of responsibility will take priority over calls for assistance from another department. Also, for the sake of expediency, the requesting agency should request assistance from the agency nearest the area of suspected activity.