



GREENVILLE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GENERAL ORDERS

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMAND AND NOTIFICATIONS

PURPOSE:

Chain of command is established upon the principal that each deputy has a specific supervisor to whom they are responsible. Each supervisor in turn reports to a specific commander, who in turn reports to a specific superior until the top of the chain is reached. In this case, the ultimate authority in the chain of command is the Sheriff.

SUPERVISION:

Each sworn and civilian position is accountable to only one supervisor at any given time. This supervisor is responsible for a fixed number of employees, and completes evaluation reports on those employees. In the absence of a supervisor, another supervisor is subject to command employees normally not under their direct supervision.

COMMAND:

Each organizational component is under the direct command of one supervisor.

**COMMAND
PROTOCOL:**

Command of an operation involving deputies from more than one division is predetermined and clearly stated to deputies assigned to the operation.

Rank normally determines command. An exception to this is when the needs of an operation and expertise required dictates that a deputy of lesser rank be given command.

At an incident scene, the ranking deputy assumes command. Responding Criminal Investigation Division personnel assume control of the crime scene itself. The patrol incident commander maintains control of the perimeter and provides support to investigators.

A ranking deputy normally communicates orders directly to subordinate deputies. Orders relayed from a superior by a deputy or employee of the same or lesser rank as the receiving deputy are obeyed as if directly communicated.

**ORGANIZATIONAL
COMMAND/STRUCTURE**

CHART:

Administrative Services reviews/updates the chart as needed. The chart is available to all personnel, and depicts authorized positions and actual strength.

The chart is available on the website and published yearly in the annual report.

NOTIFICATIONS:

As the Chief Executive Officer, the Sheriff is to be informed of incidents involving members of this office where there may be a question as to Sheriff's Office liability or incidents which may result in heightened community interest in a timely manner.

Chain of command will be adhered to when notifications are to be made to Command Staff Members of the Sheriff's Office. In the event a Command Staff Member is not available on-scene, notifications will be made by ranking member.

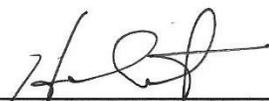
INCIDENTS INVOLVING SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEMBERS –

Field Supervisors will immediately notify their Platoon Commander of any significant or questionable incident involving Sheriff's Office members. In the absence of their Platoon Commander, the Division Commander will be notified. A determination will be made if the incident requires any further immediate notifications.

In the event a member is seriously injured in the performance of their duty, or their actions caused significant property loss, serious injury or death to another, the Sheriff will be notified immediately. In the absence of the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy will be notified and they will notify the Sheriff as soon as possible.

INCIDENTS INVOLVING COMMUNITY INTEREST –

The Sheriff understands the need to inform the community of incidents which occur within Greenville County. Incidents which may result in heightened community interest usually occur in the field (for example, but not limited to, homicides, hazardous conditions, high profile arrests). Field supervisors will handle the scene and notify a Public Information Officer (PIO). The PIO will notify the Sheriff; see GO 115. This policy is in no way to prohibit supervisors from contacting the Sheriff if compelled to do so.



Hobart Lewis, Sheriff