



GREENVILLE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GO-116

## GENERAL ORDERS

## AGENCY LIAISON

### PURPOSE:

**The Sheriff's Office** consistently assists and cooperates with Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the Solicitor's Office, the Judicial System, Corrections System, Coroner's Office, Probation and Parole, and all other criminal justice agencies. Cooperation enhances exchange of information in developing joint plans for dealing with criminal conduct, in sharing support services, and aids in elimination of investigative and courtroom error, thereby increasing the effectiveness of the Sheriff's Office.

### PROCEDURE:

**The Sheriff's Office** maintains an ongoing liaison with adjoining and concurrent law enforcement agencies.

**The Sheriff** meets monthly with municipal police chiefs from departments within Greenville County to discuss mutual activities and problem areas.

**The Sheriff** attends scheduled meetings of the Greenville County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. This committee provides a coordination point with other criminal justice agencies, and promotes joint planning among affected agencies.

The Sheriff's Office participates in Area Law Enforcement Meetings when scheduled. This meeting provides a forum for the exchange of information primarily on criminal investigations, but serves as a useful discussion point for other topics as well. Membership includes the Sheriff's Office, municipal police departments, adjacent law enforcement jurisdictions, and State and Federal agencies.

A representative of the Sheriff's Office attends, on at least a quarterly basis, regularly scheduled meetings of the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association. These meetings involve discussion of mutual problem areas such as:

- Arson.
- Fire scene traffic control.
- Hazardous materials response.
- E911 system performance.

The Sheriff's Office maintains liaison with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the Governor's Committee on Highway Safety, the Greenville County Roads and Bridges Department, and other

organizations committed to traffic safety. Responsibility for this liaison rests with the Selective Enforcement Commander. Recognizing enforcement is not the sole factor in traffic safety, the purpose of this liaison is to address the design and educational effort necessary to promote traffic safety. Ongoing liaison with other criminal justice agencies shall be the primary responsibility of the following commanders within the Sheriff's Office:

1. Solicitor's Office—General Counsel & CID/SID/Uniform Patrol Commanders
2. Court System- Support Division(Courts)Commander
3. Probation and Parole- CID/Support Commanders
4. Emergency Medical Services- Emergency Management Director
5. S.C.Law Enforcement Division—CID/OPS Commander
6. DEA – SED Commander
7. Federal Bureau of Investigation—Comm. Services Commander
8. U .S. Secret Service- Comm. Services Commander, Adjacent and concurrent local law enforcement agencies -Uniform Patrol/CID Commanders
9. Department of Corrections (Adult/Juvenile) – Support Division (Warrants) Commander
10. Homeland Security-Administration Division Commander

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE /  
SOCIAL SERVICE  
REFERRALS:**

Deputies often encounter people in need of help best provided by another criminal justice or social service agency. Adult and juvenile referrals to criminal justice and social service agencies are based upon specific criteria such as:

1. **Nature of the problem:** urgency of situation; age of those involved; and need for immediate resolution.
2. **Type of help or remedy required.** A deputy determines what type of help, such as counseling, is in the best interest of all concerned. Domestic disputes, absent of violence, may be resolved through counseling on financial, health, or alcohol abuse problems. This may provide a more lasting solution than incarceration. Other remedies may be recommended by the deputy depending on the type of assistance best suited to the situation.
3. **Identification of the agency best suited to provide the remedy.** After determining the nature of the incident and the type of remedy best suited, the deputy then determines the agency that can best provide that type of service. Deputies are required to be familiar with criminal justice and social service agencies in this jurisdiction, their capabilities, and contact points.

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**SOCIAL SERVICE  
RESOURCES:**

Agencies and services available in this jurisdiction are listed in the Community Resource Directory. Services and agencies available include, but are not limited to:

- Battered Spouse Shelter provides emergency shelter to spouses and children who are victims of domestic assaults.
- Greenville Rescue Mission provides emergency lodging to those in need of short-term housing.
- Travelers Aid provides relief for stranded travelers in need of aid to continue their journey.
- Salvation Army provides emergency assistance to the indigent in need of immediate relief.
- American Red Cross provides emergency assistance to people left without food, clothing, and shelter after natural or manmade disaster.
- Julie Valentine Center provides a trained volunteer resource person to accompany sexual assault victims throughout the medical/legal process of investigation.
- Greenville Mental Health Center provides emotional and psychological counseling.
- Department of Social Services provides welfare assistance to needy families. The DSS Family Protective Unit provides temporary homes for abused elderly and juvenile persons unable to provide care for themselves.
- Detoxification Center provides temporary shelter and medical observation to non-violent persons too intoxicated to care for themselves.



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Hobart Lewis, Sheriff