

# Hamden Police Department General Orders

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**Section:** Patrol

**Rescinds:**

**Title:** Multiple Unit Response

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## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for determining incidents requiring more than one officer.

## POLICY

The Hamden Police Department will dispatch two or more officers to situations when the specific circumstances or nature of the incident warrant such a response for the safety of the public or responding officers.

## Procedures

A. The number of officers dispatched to a call will be determined by:

1. The nature of the incident.
2. Extenuating circumstances.
3. Request for assistance by the first responding officer.
4. Staffing availability.

B. Under normal circumstances, incidents requiring two or more officers will include, but not be limited to:

1. Assaults.
2. Active domestics.
3. Accidents with injuries.
4. Bank alarms.
5. Hold-up alarms.
6. DUI motor vehicle stops.
7. Motor vehicle pursuits (refer to Pursuit Policy G.O.24-9).
8. Attempted suicides.
9. Mental cases.
10. Sudden deaths.

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11. Narcotics violations.
  12. Sexual assaults.
  13. Fights.
  14. Active disturbances.
  15. Robberies.
- C. Dispatchers and/or supervisors will evaluate every call and may determine that more than two units are needed. In such cases, dispatchers/supervisors may:
1. Dispatch the needed units.
  2. Request additional units stand by and prepare to respond, if necessary.
- D. All responding units will notify Central Communications of their response so that the scene can be controlled.
- E. Back-up units assigned will clear the scene, if not needed, and will so advise.
- F. Officers who anticipate needing a back-up unit(s) will make their request. Dispatch will send the appropriate units.
- G. No unit will respond as a back-up unless Central Communication has knowledge of his/her activity.
- H. Priority will be given to providing a back-up unit rather than providing an immediate response to a low-priority call.
- I. In the event no units are available, the unit currently assigned to the lowest priority call will be pulled temporarily from that call, if practicable, and assigned as a back-up unit.