

**ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROCEDURAL ORDERS**

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05-PRO17

2-56 RESPONDING TO CALLS

POLICY:

When officers are responding to a call or are in pursuit of an actual or suspected law violator, they will exercise due regard for the safety of all persons and property.

DEFINITIONS:

2-56-1 RESPONSE CODES

[N/A]

- A. Code 1: Response in accordance with all traffic regulations without use of emergency equipment.
- B. Code 2: Response using emergency red lights. Siren may be used to clear traffic and to negotiate intersections.
- C. Code 3: Response with full emergency equipment in operation.

 Note: Regardless of response code, an officer is not relieved of responsibility for the safety of persons and the protection of property.
- D. Code 4: Disregard Cover Unit. This code is used when it is determined that a cover unit is not necessary, either before or after dispatch. Use of this code may be initiated by Communications, the field supervisor or the responding officer. Upon arrival at the scene and after evaluating the situation, the responding officer will be responsible for transmitting a Code 4 through Communications to the cover unit(s).
- E. Code 5: Stake-Out - used as stated or in conjunction with Code 6.
- F. Code 6: Directed Activity. This code is used when a directed activity is assigned by a supervisor. Prioritization guidelines will be followed. (Example: Code 6 on a 27-5).

2-56-2 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

[N/A]

That equipment on authorized emergency vehicles including but not limited to siren, flashing/rotating red/blue, or amber lights.

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PROCEDURES:

2-56-3 AUTHORITY FOR CODE RESPONSE
[N/A]

- A. When responding to an emergency call, or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected law violator, officers are authorized to exercise the special privilege of right-of-way as provided for by law in NMSA 1978 [66-7-6] when:

The officer is driving an authorized emergency vehicle and properly using authorized emergency equipment, as appropriate.
- B. This section does not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency cont'd vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor does it protect the driver from the consequence s of his reckless disregard for the safety of others.

RULES:

2-56-4 CODE RESPONSE RESPONSIBILITY
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Regardless of the code response used, officers are not relieved of responsibility for the safety of persons and the protection of property.

2-56-5 CODE 3 RESPONSE
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- A. When human life is known to be in immediate danger, the first unit dispatched may respond Code 3. Additional units dispatched will respond Code 2.
 - 1. Officers responding Code 3 will advise radio dispatch “Code 3” prior to starting to the call**
 - 2. Supervisors will be tasked with monitoring the number of units responding Code 3.**
- B. When it is known that human life is not in immediate danger, the first unit may respond Code 2.
- C. An officer may request that a cover unit (10-82) respond with Code 3. **(Department SOP, subsection 2-56-5 A. 1. will apply)**

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CODE 2 RESPONSE

A. In-progress felony calls that warrant a Code 2 response are:

Armed Robbery	Auto Theft
Burglary	Larceny
Forgery	Hold-Up Alarm
Criminal Sexual Penetration	

B. A Code 2 response will only be used in these situations to prevent the likelihood of escape of possible offenders and for the protection of life and property.

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CODE 1 RESPONSE

Code 1 response will be used for all other calls for service.

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OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY

Under normal situations, officers who are not dispatched to a call will not respond without the responsible supervisor's approval, unless good cause exists that the original responding officer needs additional assistance.

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[N/A]

SUPERVISOR AUTHORITY

- A. The supervisor may direct response by a code other than as provided for, if the circumstances dictate.
- B. Supervisors will evaluate and control the number of officers at an incident, a dispatched call or a crime scene.

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SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBILITIES

A. A Sergeant will be dispatched with the primary and back up officers and will respond with the officers to calls which are most serious in nature. Such calls will meet the following definitions:

1. Any in-progress incident
2. Life threatening incident
3. Any incident which has the great possibility of death or serious injury involving the use of dangerous weapons.

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- B. If there is not a Sergeant available in the specific area command where the event is taking place, the dispatcher will ask for any sergeant to clear from an existing call. If there is not a sergeant able to clear, a Lieutenant will be dispatched.
- C. If all supervisors are on calls and unable to clear in the involved area command, a Sergeant from the closest area command will be dispatched and will respond.