A. Policy

Agents are frequently called to the scene of civil disputes where no crime has been committed. The presence of agents at such scenes shall be primarily to preserve the peace and to prevent a crime from occurring; it is not to give legal advice. Citizens shall be advised to seek their own legal counsel.

B. Procedure

1. The Vice Team has primary responsibility for collecting information regarding strikes, investigating related crimes, and meeting with officials of labor and management.

2. The Legal Advisor shall be notified when civil disorders or demonstrations occur which result from labor disputes.

3. Police agents are not normally deployed at strike scenes; however, when such deployment becomes necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the concerned Patrol Division commanding officer to take the necessary police action to deter crime and to keep the peace.

A. Policy

The department shall expend whatever resources are necessary to protect the rights of any person or group to conduct a peaceful and lawful demonstration at any location within the city. However, unlawful activity, whatever its guise,
requires prompt and effective action by the department. The department shall take appropriate legal steps to discourage unlawful acts.

In the event of a spontaneous or unanticipated major disturbance, agents of the Police Department are to recognize that individual (or small group) actions attempted by them against a crowd will, in all likelihood, be futile and could possibly result in their being injured or killed without their having had any mitigating effect on the problem. Additionally, sustaining such casualties will compound the problems faced by the department and will lessen the available strength needed to contain, control, and deal with the disturbance. In cases of such spontaneous disturbances, which are beyond immediate police strength to deal with, agents shall remove themselves from danger and provide prompt, detailed, and accurate intelligence information as to the size, nature, and affected area of the disturbance.

4900 EMERGENCY AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Operational responses encompass a variety of possible scenarios beyond the scope of routine police daily functions. Whether the response is to an emergency, disaster, civil disturbance, special event, or need for specialized handling, police tactical procedures need to be consistent so that needed operational components can work as a team in successfully resolving whatever circumstances we may face. The teamwork must apply not only within the City of Lakewood but must also extend to joint operations involving other local, regional, state, or federal agencies as well as private entities.

4901 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

A. Policy

Under the provisions of City of Lakewood Municipal Ordinance 1.25.030, the department shall establish and maintain a disaster prevention, preparedness, and response program. The Environmental Manager is designated as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. This position is responsible for planning for unusual or emergency occurrences.

The Patrol Division Chief or his designee shall be responsible for coordinating the planning functions for response to unusual occurrences. This responsibility will be coordinated with the Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works.

B. Procedure

The Patrol Division Chief or his designee shall assist the Environmental Manager with the following responsibilities:

1. Standards of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) should be followed in order to:

   a. Establish and coordinate emergency plans and protocols.
b. Integrate and coordinate the activities of jurisdictions cooperating in the Emergency Preparedness program.

c. Establish guidelines and protocols to promote interoperability among jurisdictions and agencies.

d. Adopt guidelines and protocols for resource management.

e. Establish priorities for resources and other response requirements.

f. Establish and maintain multi-agency coordination mechanisms.

g. Utilize the federal NIMS Integration Center to attain and sustain the level of readiness necessary to meet emergency situations.

2. Provide for the development, maintenance, and periodic review of emergency operations plans, procedures, preparedness plans, mitigation plans, and recovery plans to permit the best use of the City’s manpower, facilities, and resources in case of a disaster.

3. Provide for the accessibility of emergency operations plans to all command personnel.

4. Initiate and coordinate recruitment and training activities for the City and other private support groups.

5. Establish the City of Lakewood Office of Emergency Preparedness as the coordinating agency for all disaster activities including hazardous materials incidents under Article 22 of Title 29, C.R.S., and as the vehicle through which the mayor, city manager, and department heads may exercise their authority and control in the event of an emergency or disaster.

6. On behalf of the City, negotiate with other governmental subdivisions and private agencies such mutual agreements for reciprocal assistance that may be deemed necessary.

7. Carry out other duties as may be required by and in conjunction with the county, state and federal emergency preparedness programs.

8. The Lakewood Police Department recognizes the need to rehearse our Emergency Mobilization Plan. Part of this rehearsal process establishes the availability of all essential personnel in the event of an emergency or unusual occurrence.

The rehearsal will occur periodically on an established date. The Communications Section will be responsible for contacting all essential personnel. A record of personnel contacted, those unable to be contacted, and any delays in response time will be used to evaluate availability of essential personnel. This process will verify home phone numbers as well as the department’s ability to contact on-call personnel in the event of emergencies or unusual events.