

Field Officer Safety

518.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this section is to set standards for the safety of officers conducting field work.

518.2 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to any officer conducting field work.

518.3 POLICY

Effective supervision requires officers to contact and engage with clients in the community. To maximize the benefit of field work, officers are expected to conduct announced and unannounced contacts at varying times, including non-traditional work hours.

It is a departmental expectation that field contacts are to be conducted in the best interests of community safety, assisting victims, and client rehabilitation. To enhance officer safety and departmental consistency, officers will conduct field work in accordance with this policy and the associated procedures.

Because field work presents a higher risk to officer safety than office contacts, it is the policy of the Department that prior to conducting field work, officers must have completed the required departmental training for their assignment and have the approval of their Division Chief.

518.4 DEFINITIONS

Field work - The performance of job duties by officers in the community with the purpose of contacting clients or with the reasonable likelihood of contacting clients.

518.5 REFERENCES

For further guidance, see Field Services Procedure Manual—Field Officer Safety.