

**Lower Providence Township Police Department
Eagleville, Pennsylvania**

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I PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the command structure at police incidents.

II POLICY

It is the policy of this police department that the ultimate responsibility and authority for actions at the police incidents shall rest with only one officer at any given time.

III REGULATION

- A. The first police officer at the scene of a police incident shall take charge until relieved by a higher authority (a ranking officer).
- B. The highest ranking officer at the scene is in overall command of the police incident.
- C. Officers possessing specialized skills will often take charge of specific investigations at police incidents as per established orders and policies. When these officers are in charge and a ranking officer is present, any request from the non-ranking officer shall be in the form of a request and not an order. The purpose of the specialist is to assist the commanding officer with the specialist's expertise.

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