

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

General Order ☒
Special Order ☐
Personnel Order ☐

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Subject

Juvenile Curfew Enforcement

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Issued by:

Michael Jackson, Chief of Police

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Distribution

- 1. General Order Manuals**
- 2. Records Manual**
- 3. Reading Verification to all Personnel**

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to provide officers with guidance for enforcement of this jurisdiction's curfew ordinance.

II. POLICY

If curfew laws are to be effective, they must be enforced in a consistent, fair and uniform manner. Officers will follow the procedures outlined below.

III. REGULATIONS

HOURS OF ENFORCEMENT - 10:00pm - 6:30am Sunday through Thursday, 12 Midnight-6:30am, Friday and Saturday.

- A. Confronting Potential Violators - Upon observation of a juvenile who is in violation of the curfew ordinance, the officer should take the following steps:
1. Request the juvenile's name, age, date of birth and address and, if necessary, provide the dispatcher with the same information, and location and other pertinent information.
 2. Inform the individual that he is in violation of curfew ordinance.
 3. Determine from communications whether the individual has outstanding warrants and, if possible, past violations for curfew.
 4. In all cases where a curfew violation has been identified, the officer shall complete the appropriate departmental record of the violation.

- B. Enforcement Options - When a curfew violation has been identified, the officer will take appropriate action. These options include: transporting the juvenile home, or arrest and detention of the juvenile until his parents, responsible adult, or guardian arrive.
1. Transporting the juvenile home is normally warranted when:
 - a. The juvenile has been in prior contact with police for any violation of curfew;
 - b. The officer feels that he needs to make personal contact with the youth's parents or guardian; or
 - c. When there is a question concerning the whereabouts of the parents or their ability to provide proper supervision of or control of their child.
 2. When the juvenile is transported home, the parents, guardian or responsible adult should be contacted, informed of the specific circumstances of the violation, the nature and purpose of the law and potential consequences of future violations. A copy of the violation or warning notice should be served to the parents or guardian.
 3. Arrest and detention of a curfew law violator should normally be made when the youth has two or more prior curfew violations or when, for example,
 - a. The officer has knowledge of the juvenile's past delinquent or criminal history that demonstrates a pattern of disregard for the law; or
 - b. When the circumstances of the offense, such as the time and location of the violation, provide reasonable suspicion of intent to commit additional delinquent or criminal acts.
 4. Officers may use their discretion concerning arrest upon any violation. In all cases, officers should clearly specify the basis for their arrest decision.
 5. When a juvenile is arrested, he shall be transported to the appropriate holding area where his parents or guardian will be directed to pick up the subject. Detention will conform to departmental policy on juveniles in detention.
 6. If the juvenile's parents or guardian cannot be contacted within the prescribed time, the Detective Sergeant will be notified.
- C. Reporting and Follow-Up Requirements
1. All officers shall submit a report of a curfew violation in which a citation has been issued or a warning, or a juvenile is taken into custody. A juvenile arrest report shall be completed.
 2. The Detective Division shall ensure that a notice of violation is forwarded to any parent or guardian who was not personally served with such notice by the arresting or reporting officer. The Detective Division shall maintain a file of all warnings issued and violations encountered.

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