



MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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 Trauma Debriefing

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PURPOSE

To establish a procedure for trauma debriefing for police officers/employees by the City's Mental Health Counselor following certain types of incidents.

TRAUMA DEBRIEFING POLICY

1. Police officers/employees who are involved in one of the following types of incidents shall be referred to the City's Mental Health Counselor for a debriefing prior to returning to their regular duty assignment.
 - A. Incidents where an officer/employee suffers life-threatening injury as a result of an assault or accident.
 - B. Incidents where an officer's/employee's action(s) result in a life-threatening injury or death to another person.
 - C. Incidents where an officer/employee is present when a fellow officer/employee is seriously injured or killed in an accident or assault.
2. Police officers/employees involved in one of the three types of incidents described above will be reassigned from their regular duties to administrative duties immediately following the incident through the completion of the debriefing and evaluation sessions(s). The possibility of continued assignment to administrative duties exists, depending on the advice from the City's Mental Health Counselor.

3. All decisions concerning incidents that justify reassignment, the duration of the reassignment, and the specific duties of the officer/employee reassigned will be made by the Chief of Police or his designee.