



MYRTLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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 Field Interview Program

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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the effective operation of a Field Interview process for officers of the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

DISCUSSION

The Field Interview Program is designed to provide officers with a tool to seek information from person(s) encountered on the street in suspicious or unusual circumstances. Additionally, the program provides for a storage process for information collected and a process to review and disseminate information throughout the Department.

REGULATION

1. APPROVED FORM

- A. Officers will utilize the field contact module of the OSSI Records Management Software.
- B. Officers will enter all known information.

2. PROCEDURE

- A. Officers are encouraged to complete Field Interview information on any suspicious person they encounter in the course of their assigned duties or during an investigation.
- B. Officers should remember that person(s) encountered may not be willing to relinquish information about themselves and their activities. Current legal requirements regarding temporary detention stop and frisk or other encounters must be adhered to.
- C. Officers will enter the information into a computer within the vehicle or work areas at the Police Department equipped with the OSSI RMS software.
- D. If the system does not allow access, contact the Department IS coordinator, or Support Services Manager to enter the system and allow access.
- E. This process does not replace or circumvent any other special project report form (i.e., Gang Member, Outlaw Biker, etc.) currently in use.

CONCLUSION

This program is only as strong as the participation by officers of the Department. The potential for a positive result from this program is unlimited. By identifying potential violators and/or innocent parties on the street in suspicious circumstances, we put them on notice that we are being proactive and will prevent the commission of criminal acts.