



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**



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SUBJECT: IMPACT OPERATIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for impact operations conducted by commissioned personnel.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety to conduct safe, impact operations in high-crime areas.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all commissioned officers of the Department of Public Safety.

4.0 REFERENCES

NONE

5.0 DEFINITIONS

- A. Impact Operation** – A concentrated effort within a high-crime area to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the citizens of New Mexico.
- B. Supervisor** – A commissioned officer, usually a sergeant or higher ranking, in charge of an impact operation.
- C. Impact Operation Plan** – A written plan that includes operational objectives to accomplish the impact operation’s objective.

6.0 PROCEDURE

A. Selection of Areas for Impact Operations

1. The following criteria shall be reviewed and considered when designating an area to conduct an Impact Operation:
 - a. Uniform calls for service
 - b. Citizen complaints
 - c. Known criminal activity
 - d. Intelligence gathering
 - e. Local and federal law enforcement assistance

B. Impact Operations Plan

1. An impact operations plan shall be completed and approved by a supervisor at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the proposed start of the impact operation unless exigent circumstances dictate otherwise, as approved by a supervisor.

