



**CHEVY CHASE
VILLAGE
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief: John Fitzgerald

GENERAL ORDER: 3-6.1 COMMAND STRUCTURE

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I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Village Manager has delegated to the Chief of Police the authority and responsibility for the management, direction, and control of the operations and administration of the Police Department.

II. CHAIN OF COMMAND

- A. In the absence of the Chief of Police, command of the Police Department shall rest with the highest ranking officer available. The Chief of Police may designate a subordinate officer as “Acting Chief of Police” to perform the duties of the Chief during a temporary absence from the Department or during a period of disability.
- B. The descending order of command shall be as follows:
 - 1. The Lieutenant will be the first in line to act on behalf of the Chief.
 - 2. Next in line will be the Sergeant followed by the most senior officer of the Department.
- C. If the Chief of Police does not designate a person to act in his behalf and is absent from the Department or unable to make such a designation, the Village Manager shall make such designation.
- D. In situations involving personnel of different functions from other departments engaged in a single operation (K-9, investigators, ERT), Village Officers will adhere to the direction of the highest-ranking member of the specialized unit at the scene. In all other situations Village Officers will adhere to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and Montgomery County Police. If there exists a conflict between Montgomery County policy and Village policy, Chevy Chase Village policies and procedures will prevail. Officers on the scene of an incident will act in a professional manner and advise the Montgomery County officer in charge, of the Village policy. The Village Officer will obtain a call-back number for the County Officer and have Village Communications contact the Lieutenant or the

Chief of Police if the Lieutenant is not available. Village Officers will be held accountable for adherence to Department policies and procedures.

This directive voids the previous version dated 7/30/2009.