

EXECUTIVE ORDER



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I. PURPOSE

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Violent Crime Suppression Division (VCSD) Firearms Trafficking Unit (FTU) interdicts illegal firearms operations in the District of Columbia by identifying persons and groups supplying illegal firearms and accessories with the goal of interception and arrest before the firearms can be used in the commission of a crime.

II. PROCEDURES

A. General

- Members shall be aware and take note of circumstances, behaviors, and/or equipment indicative of firearms manufacturing or trafficking when responding to calls for service and engaging in pro-active law enforcement activities.
- FTU shall focus on firearm and accessory recoveries that indicate potential trafficking by assisting with and/or responding to the scene of these recoveries to ensure that evidence is properly gathered and investigated.

B. Notifications

- Members shall notify the Command Information Center (CIC) to page the on-call FTU member in the following circumstances:

Mandatory FTU Notifications
a. Recovery of multiple firearms from a single scene;
b. Recovery of a firearm or firearm accessory from a juvenile, convicted felon, and/or repeat offender;
c. Recovery of conversion switches (e.g., currently installed or stand-alone);
d. Recovery of fully automatic weapons;
e. Recovery of parts and/or materials indicative of firearms manufacturing (e.g., PMF kits, 3D printers, multiple individual parts of firearms); and
f. Any other circumstance which leads the member to believe that there may be trafficking (i.e., not just mere possession).

- Upon receipt of the page, the on-call FTU member shall contact the on-scene member to gather information. Members shall be prepared with the following

information:

Notification Information
a. Arrestee's biographical information;
b. Arrestee's previous arrest information and convicted felon status (if applicable);
c. Make/model/serial number of recovered firearm and whether or not registered or stolen
d. Any other on-scene evidence; and
e. Any witnesses/parties present that are not being arrested.

3. The FTU member shall consider the circumstances and determine whether an immediate response/call-back is necessary.
4. In all cases, the FTU member shall provide instructions to the on-scene member and any further guidance necessary to assist with follow-up investigations (e.g., evidence collection and storage, additional notifications, report writing, any other actions needed). Members shall comply with the guidance and requests of the FTU member.
5. Members shall document the FTU notification in their records management system (RMS) report with a summary of the consultation in the internal narrative, including the name of the notified FTU member.



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