

# SPECIAL ORDER



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

<b>Subject</b> <b>Required Notifications Regarding Incidents at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center</b>
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## I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this order is to outline the required notifications when a member of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is notified of an incident at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center. The New Beginnings Youth Development Center is a 60-bed, secure facility for committed youth located in Laurel, Maryland. New Beginnings provides twenty-four (24) hour supervision, custody and care including, but not limited to residential, educational, medical, and mental health services.

## II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated:

1. Incidents – Include, but are not limited to, deaths, criminal assaults requiring off-site medical treatment, and escapes.
2. Members – Sworn or civilian employees and members of the MPD Reserve Corps.

## III. PROCEDURES

- A. When notified of an incident at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center, members shall notify an official immediately.

- B. The notified official shall ensure the Watch Commander, Fifth District, and the Watch Commander, Command Information Center (CIC), are notified immediately.
- C. The Watch Commander, Fifth District, shall be responsible for coordinating the initial response for incidents that occur at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center.
  - 1. The Watch Commander, Fifth District, shall ensure that MPD responds to the New Beginnings Youth Development Center for reported:
    - a. Deaths;
    - b. Criminal assaults requiring off-site medical treatment; and
    - c. Escapes.
  - 2. For all other criminal incidents, the Watch Commander, Fifth District, shall determine if a response to New Beginnings is required using his/her discretion.
  - 3. For all responses to New Beginnings, the Watch Commander, Fifth District, shall ensure a PD Form 251 (Incident-Based Event Report) is prepared that specifies the event location as **8400 River Rd, Laurel, MD 20724.**
  - 4. The Fifth District Watch Commander will notify the CIC anytime a unit is dispatched to New Beginnings.
- D. Attachment A to this order provides directions to the New Beginnings Youth Development Center.
- E. The Watch Commander, CIC, shall ensure that each time a unit is dispatched to New Beginnings:
  - 1. The following members are notified immediately of reported incidents at New Beginnings:
    - a. The Field Commander;
    - b. The Assistant Chief, Investigative Services Bureau;
    - c. The Assistant Chief, Patrol Services and School Security Bureau;

- d. The Commander, Fifth District;
  - e. The Watch Commander, Criminal Investigations Division; and
  - f. The Watch Commander, Youth Investigations Division.
2. A summary of the incident is listed on the morning CIC report.
- F. The Commander, Fifth District, shall coordinate with staff at New Beginnings to schedule a monthly pickup for drugs that have been confiscated and need to be destroyed.

**IV. ATTACHMENT**

- A. Directions to New Beginnings Youth Development Center



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**Directions from the Fifth District Police Station, Washington, DC,  
to the New Beginnings Youth Development Center,  
8400 River Rd, Laurel, MD 20724**

- 1. Head northeast on Bladensburg Road, NE.**
- 2. Take the 2nd right onto US-50 E/New York Avenue, NE.**
- 3. Take the Baltimore-Washington Parkway exit on the left toward Baltimore.**
- 4. Merge onto Baltimore-Washington Parkway (travel for approximately 14 miles).**
- 5. Exit onto MD-198 E/Laurel Fort Meade Road toward Fort Meade.**
- 6. Turn left onto Old Portland Road.**
- 7. Take the 1st right onto River Road.**
- 8. The entrance to the New Beginnings Youth Development Center is on the right.**