PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS

209 FOUNTAIN STREET

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CHIEF OF POLICE

General Order #27 Series 1998

To Commanding Officers:

This General Order supersedes General Order #8, Section VII - General Communication Procedure, Paragraph D, Series 1998.

In an effort to enhance officer safety and reduce response time to radio calls, this department will shift its procedure to "proximity" dispatching. This type of dispatching will require the Communications Division to dispatch the nearest available unit to calls for service and back-up irrespective of the particular district from which the particular unit is assigned.

Example: A disturbance is reported on Manton Avenue within Car 44's post. The adjoining Central Station Units and C-44 are out of service. Car 22 and Car 26 will be dispatched to the call rather than dispatching a more distant Central Station car to the call.

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