

RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Reno Police Department to broadcast information to field units or to the general public, and to assist outside agencies in their efforts to locate wanted subjects that may be in our jurisdiction.

Such information may include, but not be limited to: major crimes, wanted subjects, stolen vehicles, intoxicated drivers, hit and run vehicles, missing persons, and public service broadcasts as needed.

PROCEDURES

Outside Agency Requests

Sufficient probable cause must exist before the Department can render assistance to outside agencies that have reason to believe that wanted subjects are either in Reno or on route to the area. The intent of this policy is to ensure that an ATL broadcast by the Department does not violate the constitutional rights of a citizen.

The following information will be supplied to the Department before an outside agency request is approved for broadcast:

- The probable cause or warrant information giving the Department the authority to assist in locating the wanted subjects;
- If a warrant is the basis for the assistance, then it must be extraditable by the requesting agency. If the request is based on probable cause then the crime must be of a serious enough nature to warrant the involvement of the Department, *i.e.*, an ATL from an outside agency will not be broadcast on a non-extraditable misdemeanor; and
- The Department will only furnish ATL information to other agencies after an incident

report has been initiated. If ATL information received by the Department does not conform to ATL broadcast requirements, then it will not be forwarded to other agencies.

The above requirements do not apply to situations where officer safety is an issue. Situations involving armed and/or dangerous subjects will be broadcast in an ATL format, regardless of whether or not the subject in question has committed a crime.

Broadcasting an ATL Request

Requests received through the Communications (E-Comm) or the Reno Police Department Records Divisions will be handled by personnel in those divisions and disseminated to appropriate personnel. Requests received through the Detective Division will be handled by the detective receiving the information.

All ATLs will be given a Priority 2 designation by Communications personnel.

All felony, misdemeanor, and missing person ATLs will be broadcast to field units in ATL format as soon as possible after receipt by Communications personnel.

The following information should be included, when available, concerning missing persons:

1. The missing person is reported to be armed.
2. The missing person has made threats toward officers.
3. There is an indication of threatened suicide.
4. There is a mental or physical illness which, if left unattended, would endanger the missing person or the public.
5. The missing person suffers mental retardation or other debilitating condition, which threatens his or her safety and/or welfare.
6. The missing person is a child, 12 years old or younger, regardless of circumstances.
7. Foul play is suspected.

All ATLs will be broadcast on all primary radio frequencies, simultaneously when possible. When circumstances do not allow broadcast on all primary frequencies, the ATL will be broadcast on available frequencies and redirected to any of the unavailable frequencies for broadcast as soon as possible. ATLs will not be held until all frequencies are available. ATLs are a Priority 2 and need to be broadcast as soon as possible. If an ATL is pending beyond the allowable time limit for a Priority 2, a field supervisor must be advised of the pending status.

On all felony ATL broadcasts, field units on secondary frequencies will be advised by the secondary operator to return to their primary frequency for a felony ATL broadcast, if possible.

When directed by a Field Supervisor and/or the on shift Dispatch Supervisor, field units may be required to acknowledge an ATL broadcast. In these instances, the primary radio operator on each individual primary frequency will obtain the acknowledgment for the units assigned to their frequencies.