

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS ASSIST AND STANDBY CASES

POLICY

- I. Officers are sent to miscellaneous assist and standby cases for the purpose of helping to preserve the peace and prevent violations of the law.
- II. Officers sent to such cases, either on private or public property, are not authorized to provide assistance with noncriminal matters.
- III. If the situation at a miscellaneous assist or standby case involves a criminal matter, the officers shall exercise their authority under the law and in accordance with departmental guidelines.

PROCEDURE

BACKGROUND AND GUIDELINES FOR RESPONDING OFFICERS

- I. Officers are often dispatched to private and public property on miscellaneous assist and standby cases. The purpose in sending officers to such cases is to help prevent breaches of the peace and violations of the law.
- II. However, in some cases, officers have been asked to exceed their authority by assisting in the performance of a civil function at the case site (e.g., by aiding private security personnel in the performance of their duties).
- III. Officers sent to such cases shall inform whoever requested them that the police are not authorized to provide assistance with noncriminal matters. In particular, police are not authorized to assist or substitute for security personnel in the performance of civil functions.

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- IV. Officers at miscellaneous assist or standby cases can act only as necessary to prevent a breach of the peace or a violation of the law. If a criminal act occurs, officers shall respond in accordance with the law and departmental guidelines.
- V. These instructions do not apply to the service of temporary restraining orders and other court orders by Honolulu Police Department officers.



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