



# Manchester Police Department

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

***Effective Date: January 1, 2019***

### ***ARTICLE 43 Community Policing***

#### **43.1 Policy**

The Manchester Police Department's Community Policing Program performs numerous types of Community Policing more on a daily and weekly basis than on a scheduled basis. Our program is more adapted to funding and personnel constraints. We are dedicated in providing a professional service to our residential and business communities. We are not a 24/7 Police Department in the sense of coverage but we are when receiving questions, complaints, crime reports, suspicious information or simply someone needing a person to listened to their concerns. The Manchester Police Department's Officers are responsive and dedicated to our citizens. We are not equipped to have dedicated units or officers assigned to specific community policing programs, similar to Police Athletic Leagues, School Resource Officers or Internships and etc. We are connected via Social Media, Town Events and other events sponsored by the schools, MAMA, and other various groups. In addition to Community Patrol both mobile and foot. Some of our Community Partnership Programs include the following, but are not limited to:

#### **43.2 National Night Out Program**

We began our National Night Out Program in 2014, joining partnerships with the Manchester Fire Department, Manchester Town Staff, Tree of Friends, Carroll County Health Department, Maryland State Police, Carroll County Sheriff's and State's Attorney's Office along with the Manchester Merchant's Association and several other local law enforcement partners and businesses. It has become a highly participated gathering bringing more than 500 persons together. It is a day when our residents come together and meet the Town's and County's First responders, from the Police, Fire to the Department of Public Works. We believe that coming together is the beginning and working together leads to success making us a more connected community which makes a safer more positive productive community.

#### **43.3 Senior Citizen Partnerships**

The town's retirement population has grown over the last few years with added 55 and over communities and assisted living. We routinely patrol this identified areas and communicate with the community members. When home owners leave town for vacation, they know we will pay special attention to their homes. We routinely conduct welfare checks, knowing this gives the individual and their loved ones a strong sense of security. We are also available for home security analysis/recommendations.



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### **43.4 Crisis Intervention Team Services**

The Manchester Police Department has specially trained officers for CIT. We do this to enhance safety and quality of life in the community, the Manchester and Carroll County's Law Enforcement Police Partners recognize the need to bring community resources together to target behavioral health issues. The primary goal of the CIT program is to have law enforcement personnel with specialized training available to assist individuals experiencing mental health crisis in an effective and safe manner. The primary method of accomplishing this goal is to identify the needs of the individual in crisis and make referrals to appropriate mental health services. If in the best interest of the community and individual, CIT intervention may be considered as an alternative to arresting the individual experiencing a mental health crisis (assuming law or policy does not mandate an arrest). Adhering to these procedures should further the Agency's goal of reducing the number of mentally ill individuals entering the criminal justice system. This policy was developed in collaboration with mental health professionals. If you need our assistance and it's an emergency dial 911. For non-emergency call 410-239-6900 and leave a message or email [info@manchestermid.gov](mailto:info@manchestermid.gov) to have PFC(s) Rohrback, Garner or Runk to contact you. We have had success with this intervention on many occasions.

### **43.5 Halloween Patrol**

Each year we fully engage in our Town's Halloween Events from our Manchester Merchant's planned cake walk and Halloween contest to our Halloween Night from 6PM to 8:30 PM. We provide highly visible street patrol to slow traffic and to simply let the residents and others visiting that we are there for them and their safety. In 2018, the MVFD joined our team, taking over a highly visited neighborhood providing street light, medical assistance and treats. We are currently in the process of increasing our distribution of glow sticks, bracelets and other highly visible devices for children safety.

### **43.6 First Day/School Patrol**

The first day of school and everyday thereafter is equally important. We do increase school patrols during the first week, including bus stops and then random checks thereafter. We also participate in school events, classroom talks at the Elementary Schools, the Manchester Valley Stampede, and sporting events. We have representatives from our Town Government and police participating in the Manchester Valley High School Advisory Committee. Communication with our children and young adults is important to the Manchester Police and the Town. We do this



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daily and during special events from National Night Out to our participation surrounding the newly renovated skateboard park, their founders and their special events from “Bomb the Hill” to their spring and fall events. Anytime we can have positive interaction, it’s a win for us and the community.

### **43.7 Drug Take Back/Box Drop Off**

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hosts no-questions asked National Prescription Drug Take-Back events twice per year where temporary collection sites are set up in local cities throughout the nation for safe disposal of prescription drugs, including opioids.

The Manchester Police Department has a collection site located at the Town’s Office Building and is accessible Monday to Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. No sharp objects or “Stick Pins”.

Opioid abuse is at epidemic levels in the U.S., and remains a top public health concern. Consumers should dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused medications as quickly as possible to help reduce accidental or intentional overdoses or illegal abuse.

### **43.8 Ride-Along Program**

We do have a ride-along program for Town Residents and young adults aspiring to become police officers. The program opens lines of communications, and promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risks and rewards of the police officer’s role in the community.

### **43.9 Security Checks/Safety and Recommendations**

Town residents and our business community within our Town are welcome to contact us and set up an appointment for a home and/or business safety and security check. The officer (s) will conduct a walk through with you and offer suggestions/recommendations. We also have two certified Firearms Instructors who are able to speak to you about gun safety. They **cannot** conduct firearms training for civilians. However by appointment only, they will discuss gun safety if you are not sure. You can call 410-239-3200 or email [info@manchestermd.gov](mailto:info@manchestermd.gov) to request an appointment.

The Manchester Police Department is a small agency but effective. We routinely self-evaluate and take pride in our professionalism, integrity, and motivate responsiveness. We are committed to uphold the public trust through our transparency and communication with the community. Just because it is not listed in this document does not mean we can’t get it done when it comes time to our dedication to our community. When in doubt, just ask. We can be reached at 410-239-6900 (**Call 911 if you have an emergency or need immediate police assistance**), 410-239-3200 or [info@manchestermd.gov](mailto:info@manchestermd.gov)