

JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT	9-15 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE
SUBJECT: Event Deconfliction	REVIEW DATE: Annually - September
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I. POLICY

This policy shall define certain procedures to ensure accurate information sharing and reporting. The goal of this policy is to define usage to operate more efficiently and avoid conflict with other investigative entities. High risk areas of operations shall be deconflicted prior to the operation by utilizing the Midwest Organized Crime Information Center's (MOCIC) RiSSafe officer safety event deconfliction system. This policy shall expound on the following points;

- A. Qualifying events and contact resources;
- B. Authorized users and administrators;
- C. Information authorized for release to system provider;
- D. System contacts and internal distribution of information requirements;

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and direction concerning qualifiers for deconfliction, use and responsibilities. Deconfliction shall be utilized to avoid conflicting investigations which will improve officer safety, coordination and information sharing

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Deconfliction

A process that allows investigators, detectives or officers to determine if an event or target of an investigation is currently being or has been investigated by another member law enforcement agency. The intent is to bring these investigators, detective of officers together to strengthen their individual investigations.

B. Target Deconfliction

The process of determining when multiple law enforcement agencies are investigating the same persons or objects. Elements of an investigation are compared and the number of matches is reported as a conflict to verify the deconfliction. The deconfliction process includes notifying each agency of the potential conflict.

C. Event Deconfliction

The process of determining whether multiple law enforcement agencies are conducting an enforcement action (e.g., a raid, undercover operation, surveillance, or other high risk activity) in close proximity to one another during a specific time period. When certain elements are matched, it is referred to as a potential conflict. The process includes notifying each agency of the conflict.

D. Potential Conflict

For target deconfliction, a potential conflict is a match of elements that alerts the submitters about another target. For event deconfliction, a conflict is a match of three elements – location, date and time – and notification of that match to the contributing parties.

E. Agency User

Any member of a participating agency that has been vetted via User Agreement Forms or other comparable means and approved.

F. Violent Felony

Violent Felony may be defined as one of the following:

1. Treason
2. Murder 1st and 2nd Degree
3. Statutory Rape 1st and 2nd Degree
4. Statutory Sodomy 1st and 2nd Degree
5. Sexual and/or Deviant Sexual Assaults
6. Robbery 1st and 2nd Degree
7. Burglary 1st and 2nd Degree
8. Arson 1st and 2nd Degree
9. Kidnapping
10. Assault 1st and 2nd degree

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Qualifying events and contact resources; (46.2.8 A)

1. Qualifying events shall include but is not limited to high risk operations such as narcotics investigation, search warrants, long term surveillance and warrant service.
2. The Investigations Bureau shall entirely deconflict all narcotics, undercover and covert investigations to include all intelligence received, prior to taking any investigation actions.
3. The Investigations Bureau shall deconflict the below listed events. Deconfliction by the bureau shall not be limited to the mandatory, denoted fields, but an informed supervisor shall approve any other requested deconflictions prior to the onset of the investigation. Deconfliction should also include direct communication with agencies that have corresponding jurisdictions.
 - a. Prior to the execution of a search warrant, all related persons and locations shall be deconflicted. This may include event deconfliction if a time period for service is known.
 - b. All pre-planned violent felony arrest attempts shall be deconflicted to include related persons and addresses if relative.
4. The Patrol Bureau may deconflict persons or locations not directly related to routine calls for service or patrol related functions. The Patrol Bureau is encouraged to utilize deconfliction in a manner other than for calls for service or patrol related functions. This may include but is not limited to proactive problem solving or enforcement actions and patrol initiated

surveillances. Deconfliction should also include direct communication with agencies that have corresponding jurisdictions.

5. RiSSafe shall be utilized for any deconfliction related entries. When possible the approved user shall enter deconfliction information using secured internet access. Patrol Officers or members without secured internet access to RiSSafe will call the Missouri Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) at (800) 846-6242. The automated system will direct the member initially to the MOCIC Watch Center during normal business hours and then to the RiSSafe Watch Center after hours. The RiSSafe Watch Center is manned 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

B. Authorized users and administrators; (46.2.8 B)

1. The Joplin Police Department's point of contact shall be the Captain of the Investigations Bureau. He/she shall be the focal point for all communication between the agency and MOCIC/RiSSafe. The point of contact will notify MOCIC/RiSSafe immediately of changes to users, authorizations, new users, relocations or terminations.
2. Oversight of deconfliction use and sharing shall be the responsibility of the Investigations Bureau Captain or the Investigations Bureau Sergeants.
3. The Investigations Bureau Captain shall identify and approve all personnel responsible for deconfliction entries. Discretion will be utilized to provide access to select personnel; thereby ensuring access is readily available to the element as a whole.
4. Bureau Captains shall ensure that utilizing members of RiSSafe are approved and trained personnel. Deconfliction requests within the Patrol Division shall be approved by an informed supervisor prior to enacting protocols. If there are no trained and approved personnel available within the Patrol Division at the time the requested deconfliction is needed an informed supervisor shall contact a Detective Sergeant or Detective Bureau Commander, for direction concerning deconfliction.

C. Information authorized for release to system provider; (46.2.8 C)

1. For event deconfliction the following minimum, fields are authorized for release to the service provider;
 - a. Agency case number
 - b. Event Type
 - c. Start date
 - d. Start time
 - e. End date
 - f. End time
 - g. Location of event
 - h. City
 - i. State
2. For target deconfliction the following minimum fields are authorized for release to the service provider;
 - a. Persons – minimum required fields
 - Agency case number
 - First and last name
 - Gender
 - Date of Birth
 - Social Security Number

- b. Vehicles – minimum required fields
 - Agency case number
 - License plate number
 - License plate state of origin
 - c. Telephones - minimum required fields
 - Agency case number
 - Telephone number of targets only
 - d. Additional possible information to be included in the Comments field
 - Weapons-type and number
 - Internet-either screen name, email or IP address
 - Accounts-financial institution and account number
 - Business name
3. The above mentioned information is minimal requirements for each field. All trained and approved personnel may enter additional accurate information concerning deconfliction, to better identify targets and or events.
4. Deconfliction requirements through RiSSafe minimal requirements include an agency case number. If the investigation is a pre-planned function and is assigned an issued departmental report number, the same shall be utilized for the field for “*Agency Case Number.*” If the deconfliction is being conducted during the intelligence stage of an investigation, an Information report should be drawn and that case number used. If necessary, the user can restrict access to the report via RMS.
- D. System contacts and internal distribution of information requirements; (46.2.8 D)
- 1. Watch Center Contact Information is as followed;
 - a. Missouri Crime Information Center (MOCIC)
2255 West Sunset Street
Springfield, MO 65807
(800) 846-6242 (press 1)
417-883-2154 fax
info@mocic.riss.net
 - b. After hours the (800) 846-6242 (press 1) number will direct you to the 24/7 RiSSafe Watch Center.
 - 2. Connecting to RiSSafe is as follows;
 - a. RiSSafe operation submission
<https://rissafe.riss.net>
 - 3. Supervisors of investigation elements shall ensure that their assigned personnel are deconflicting permitted targets and events at the onset of the investigation. Post investigation entries into the system are counter intuitive to the purpose of the system.
 - 4. If an investigation conflict is discovered, the inquiring member shall immediately contact the listed investigation element or agency to determine how to proceed with the investigation. In order to ensure resolution of conflicts, follow up will be made via telephone in a timely manner to all users involved in the conflict.

5. All information obtained through RiSSafe is confidential and shall be considered law enforcement sensitive. RiSSafe shall not be referred to in any case documentation. Members shall ensure that submissions contain accurate information and are related to an active investigation. All information obtained shall only be shared with other law enforcement members related to the specific case or on a need to know basis.

V. COMPLIANCE

Violations of this policy, or portions thereof, may result in disciplinary action as described in the City of Joplin's Personnel Rules, or the Joplin Police Department's Rules and Regulations and General Orders. Members of the Joplin Police Department, while assigned to or assisting other agencies, shall comply with this policy.

VI. APPLICATION

This document constitutes department policy, is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an employee's civil or criminal liability in any way. It shall not be construed as the creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in any evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims insofar as the employee's legal duty as imposed by law. Violations of this policy, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.