



University of Pennsylvania Police Department 4040 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19104		 
Directive: 99	Subject: Medical Centers and Research-Intensive Facilities	Effective Date: 11/20/2011
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I. Purpose

The University of Pennsylvania is affiliated with numerous medical centers and research-intensive facilities located throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The purpose of this directive is to define the law enforcement role of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department (UPPD) as it pertains to medical centers and research-intensive facilities located within the primary jurisdiction of the department.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department (UPPD) to respond to all emergency calls for service from medical centers and research-intensive facilities located within the primary jurisdiction of the department. The UPPD may provide additional public safety services to medical centers and research-intensive facilities within their primary jurisdiction, based on the governing authority and/or the terms of written agreements in effect.

III. Scope

This directive shall affect all sworn employees.

IV. Procedures

A. Medical Centers

1. UPPD Officers assigned to emergency calls for service from medical centers located within the primary patrol zone of the department, shall respond quickly and safely in accordance with **UPPD Directive 26, "Routine and Emergency Vehicle Operation."**
2. The following medical centers and associated buildings are located within the primary patrol zone of the UPPD:
 - a. The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), 3400 Spruce Street. HUP is a clinical and research hospital which accepts non-trauma emergency patients. HUP is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) and is located on a

campus within the jurisdiction of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department. The following buildings are also affiliated with UPHS/HUP and located within 250 yards of HUP:

- 1) The Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, 3400 Civic Center Blvd.
- 2) The Pavilion, 1 Convention Ave.

b. Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC), 51 N 39th Street. PPMC is one of the regions premier medical facility/hospital that operates as a Level I trauma center. PPMC is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) and is located on a campus within the jurisdiction of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department. The following buildings are also affiliated with UPHS/PPMC and located within 250 yards of PPMC:

- 1) The PPMC Medical Arts Building, 3801 Market Street.
- 2) The Science Center, 3701 Market Street.

c. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), 3401 Civic Center Blvd. CHOP is located directly adjacent to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP) Campus, and is within the patrol jurisdiction of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department, but is unaffiliated with HUP, UPHS and the University of Pennsylvania.

d. Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Ave. The VA Medical Center is located within the patrol jurisdiction of the University of Pennsylvania Police Department. The VA Hospital is not directly affiliated with HUP, UPHS or the University of Pennsylvania.

B. UPPD Role/Responsibilities At Medical Centers

1. The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). The University of Pennsylvania Division of Public Safety has a written agreement with the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) to provide site specific police services to the HUP Campus, The Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine and the Pavilion.

- a. Under the terms of the written agreement, the UPPD provides dedicated police services to the HUP campus to include traffic control, parking regulations and emergency response to the emergency department at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP).
- b. HUP Hospital Security personnel have responsibility for patrolling the interior of their buildings, responding to alarms, screening patients and visitors for weapons, managing high risk patients and ensuring public access to emergency services as defined by the

Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). The UPPD will provide assistance to HUP Security personnel when requested.

- 1) Calls for emergency and non-emergency police services at the UPHS site will be dispatched through PennComm and assigned to the dedicated UPPD officer(s) on-site; when the dedicated UPPD officer(s) are unavailable, calls will be assigned to other UPPD officers.
 - 2) UPPD personnel shall respond promptly to requests for medical assistance by individuals located within the HUP site; UPPD personnel will provide emergency medical treatment as needed and ensure that individuals are evaluated by qualified medical professionals as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).
 - 3) UPPD personnel shall respond to calls from HUP security as outlined in UPPD **Directive 89, "Weapons Discovered by University of Pennsylvania Health System Staff"**.
 - 4) UPPD personnel shall also be directed by **UPPD Directive 90, "Response to Priority Hospital Cases at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center"**.
 - 5) UPPD personnel shall respond to reports of abductions from UPHS facilities as outlined in **UPPD Directive 55, "Missing Persons"**.
 - 6) UPPD personnel shall respond to irradiator alarms from buildings within the HUP campus as outlined in DPS PennComm Standard Operating Procedure 600, "General Alarm Procedures", Appendix C, "Irradiator Alarm Reporting".
2. Penn Presbyterian Medical Center (PPMC). The University of Pennsylvania Division of Public Safety has a written agreement with the University of Pennsylvania Health System (UPHS) to provide site specific police services to the PPMC campus, including The PPMC Medical Arts Building and The Science Center.
- a. Under the terms of the written agreement, the UPPD provides dedicated police services to the PPMC campus to include traffic control, parking regulations and emergency response to the PPMC Emergency Department, and PPMC garage and parking lots.
 - b. PPMC Hospital Security personnel have full responsibility for patrolling the interior of the buildings, responding to alarms, screening patients and visitors for weapons, managing high risk patients and ensuring public access to emergency services as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). The UPPD will provide assistance to PPMC Hospital security personnel when requested.
 - 1) Calls for emergency and non-emergency police services at the PPMC campus will be dispatched through PennComm and assigned to the dedicated UPPD officer(s) on-

site; when the dedicated UPPD officer(s) are unavailable, calls will be assigned to other UPPD officers.

- 2) UPPD personnel shall respond promptly to requests for medical assistance by individuals located within the PPMC sector; UPPD personnel will provide emergency medical treatment as needed and ensure that individuals are evaluated by qualified medical professionals as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).
 - 3) UPPD personnel shall respond to calls from HUP security as outlined in **UPPD Directive 89, "Weapons Discovered by University of Pennsylvania Health System Staff"**.
 - 4) UPPD personnel shall also be directed by **UPPD Directive 90, "Response to Priority Hospital Cases at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center"**.
 - 5) UPPD personnel shall respond to reports of abductions from UPHS facilities as outlined in **UPPD Directive 55, "Missing Persons"**.
3. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), 3401 Civic Center Blvd. The University of Pennsylvania Division of Public Safety does not have a written agreement with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) for site specific police services or regular police patrols.
- a. CHOP Hospital Security personnel have full responsibility for patrolling the interior of their buildings, screening patients and visitors for weapons, managing high risk patients and ensuring public access to emergency services as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). The UPPD will provide assistance to CHOP personnel when requested.
 - 1) Calls for emergency and non-emergency police services at CHOP will be dispatched through PennComm and assigned to available UPPD officer(s).
 - 2) UPPD personnel shall respond promptly to requests for medical assistance by individuals located within the CHOP sector; UPPD personnel will provide emergency medical treatment as needed and ensure that individuals are evaluated by qualified medical professionals as defined by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).
 - 3) UPPD personnel shall respond to reports of abductions from CHOP as outlined in **UPPD Directive 55, "Missing Persons"**.
 - 4) UPPD personnel shall respond to irradiator alarms from buildings within the CHOP Campus as outlined in DPS PennComm Standard Operating Procedure 600, "General Alarm Procedures", Appendix C, "Irradiator Alarm Reporting".

4. Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Ave. The Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a federal entity operating under the authority of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The University of Pennsylvania Division of Public Safety does not have a written agreement with the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center for site specific police services or regular police patrols.
 - a. The Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center is located on federal property and has a dedicated, site specific federal Police Force (VA Police) assigned to the facility. VA Police personnel have full responsibility for controlling access to the medical center grounds, patrolling the interior and exterior of their buildings, screening patients and visitors for weapons, and managing high risk patients. All Veterans Affairs Hospitals are exempt from the provisions of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA). The UPPD provides assistance to Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center personnel upon request.
 - 1) Calls for emergency and non-emergency police services at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center will be dispatched through PennComm and assigned to available UPPD officer(s). UPPD personnel shall coordinate with the VA Police when responding to calls for police services within Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center complex.
 - 2) UPPD personnel shall respond promptly to requests for medical assistance by individuals located within the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center sector; Responses shall be coordinated with the on-site VA Police Force for calls within the complex.
 - 3) UPPD personnel shall respond to reports of abductions from Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center facilities as outlined in **UPPD Directive 55, "Missing Persons"**.

C. Research Intensive Facilities

1. There are numerous research-intensive facilities operated directly by the University of Pennsylvania and within the primary jurisdiction of the UPPD. The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Communications Center will be responsible for coordinating with the PPD, facility security and the UPPD when responding to calls for police services at research intensive facilities.
 - a. The following research-intensive facilities are located within the primary jurisdiction of the UPPD but are not operated directly by the University; the UPPD may respond to emergency and Non-emergency calls for service at the following facilities based on written agreements for police services or alarms directly received by the University of Pennsylvania Police Department Communications Center (PennComm).
 - 1) The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP), 3400 Spruce Street. The UPPD operates under a written agreement with University of Pennsylvania Health System

(UPHS) and will respond to calls for police service inside of research facilities located inside of HUP the Perelman Center and Pavilion. Certain alarms originating from research facilities on the HUP campus are directly received by PennComm. The UPPD shall coordinate their response with UPHS Security personnel when responding to the facility

- 2) The Wistar Institute, 3601 Spruce Street. The UPPD does not have a written agreement for police services at their research facility. Certain alarms originating from the Wistar Institute are directly received by PennComm. The UPPD shall coordinate their response with Wistar Security personnel when responding to the facility.
 - 3) The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), 3401 Civic Center Boulevard. The UPPD does not have a written agreement for police services at CHOP or the research facilities contained within. Certain alarms originating from research facilities inside of CHOP are directly received by PennComm. The UPPD shall coordinate their response with CHOP Security personnel when responding to the facility.
2. The following procedures will be followed by UPPD personnel when responding to research facilities operated directly by the University of Pennsylvania or facilities; have a written agreement for police services with the UPPD or have alarms that are directly received by the University of Pennsylvania Police Department Communications Center:
 - a. The University of Pennsylvania Police Department Communications Center, known as “PennComm” is responsible for coordinating UPPD responses to various incidents at research intensive facilities operated directly by the University of Pennsylvania within the primary jurisdiction of the department.
 - 1) PennComm personnel shall direct and instruct UPPD personnel regarding responses to call for service at research facilities. PennComm personnel shall be guided by PennComm Standard Operating Procedures or onscreen instructions and coordinate UPPD responses with other affected University Departments.
 - 2) Responding UPPD personnel shall be guided by instructions provided by PennComm and will coordinate with on-scene personnel upon arrival.
 3. The Division of Public Safety shall coordinate all training for all UPPD and PennComm personnel regarding emergency and non-emergency calls for service at research intensive facilities. This training shall be completed on an annual basis through classroom and roll call sessions and will include special response instructions for various locations.
 - a. Specialized equipment and response procedures are located at the individual facilities. Research facilities are staffed 24/7, year-round; first responders shall coordinate with the on-site staff for safety and regulatory requirements in order to ensure the safety of first responders, the Penn Community and the research contained within the facility.

D. Compliance

Violations of this directive, or portions thereof, may result in disciplinary action.

E. Officers Assigned to Other Agencies

Officers of this department assigned to or assisting other law enforcement agencies will be guided by this directive.

F. Application

This directive constitutes department policy, and is not intended to enlarge the employer's or 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 an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims insofar as the employer's or employee's legal duty as imposed by law. Violations of policy will only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions. Violations of law will form the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in a recognized judicial setting.