
	MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
	217.00 ROBBERY ALARM RESPONSE
	Effective Date: August, 2011
	Approved: _____ <div style="text-align: center;">  Chief of Police </div>

- A. Upon receipt of a robbery alarm, the Public Safety Dispatcher shall dispatch a primary officer and a backup officer. Additional backup officers may be required to establish an effective perimeter control at the scene. The appropriate field supervisor shall also be notified of the alarm.
- B. As soon as the responding officers have established perimeter control positions, the primary officer shall advise the Public Safety Dispatcher, who shall initiate telephone contact with the business in question.
- C. The Public Safety Dispatcher shall attempt to determine:
 1. Whether the alarm is valid or false.
 2. Whether any perpetrators are still in the building or have left.
 3. Description of suspects.
 4. Direction of travel.
 5. Type of weapons involved.
- D. If advised that the alarm is false, or that the perpetrators have left, the Public Safety Dispatcher shall instruct the representative of the business to meet the officer outside the main entrance, with hands in full view.
Should the representative refuse to meet the officer outside, the perimeter shall remain secured and the incident shall be handled as a hostage situation.
- E. The intent of this procedure is to prevent a hostage situation from developing, as well as to provide for the safety of responding officers. Any confrontation with a robbery suspect should be deferred until the suspect is outside the business whenever possible.

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