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Revision Comparison





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Revision Comparison – Approval Process



January 3, 2020 Version	Revised March 2021 DRAFT
<p>All Search Warrants are approved by a Lieutenant or Above.</p>	<p>All Search Warrants involving real property or locations where occupants may be present must be approved by a Deputy Chief or above. John Doe and No-Knock Search Warrants must be personally reviewed and approved by a Bureau Chief and not a designee.</p>
<p>No requirement for chain of command review of Search Warrants.</p>	<p>The submitting officers' chain of command, including their Commander, will review the Search Warrant prior to Deputy Chief or above approval.</p>
<p>No requirements for No-Knock Search Warrants.</p>	<p>Limits No-Knock Search Warrants only to when there is a danger to the life or safety of officers or another person.</p>
<p>Only John Doe Search Warrants specifically required an independent investigation to verify and corroborate information.</p>	<p>All Search Warrants now require an independent investigation to verify and corroborate information used to develop the warrant. During the supervisory review/ approval, supervisors will ensure this investigation has been conducted.</p>



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Revision Comparison – Serving Search Warrants



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Sworn supervisor the rank of Sergeant must be present and on-scene for a Search Warrant.	A Lieutenant must be present on-scene and will be in overall command when serving a Search Warrant.
No requirement for female officers to be on the scene of a Search Warrant.	Requires a female officer to be present and available for any search team assignment.
No requirements for No-Knock Search Warrants.	Only SWAT will serve No-Knock Search Warrants.
Complaint Log number required for a Search Warrant served at a wrong address.	Complaint Log number required for submitting false reports or wrong raids (served at a wrong location or service is inconsistent with the factual basis for the probable cause used to obtain the Search Warrant).
Only those assigned a BWC were required to activate while serving a Search Warrant.	Each officer participating in serving a Search Warrant will wear and activate a BWC.
No pre-service focus on vulnerable persons, including children.	Requires the pre-service planning session to include identification of vulnerable persons who may be present at the location.
No reference to adhering to CPD’s firearms pointing policy.	Specifically requires adherence to existing policy to notify OEMC of the pointing of a firearm at a person while serving a Search Warrant.





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No requirement for a critical incident review.	CPD will conduct a critical incident after-action review for all wrong raids (served at a wrong location or service is inconsistent with the factual basis for the probable cause used to obtain the Search Warrant) and in other circumstances identified by the Superintendent.
Unit-level post-service evaluation is limited to the search team that served the Search Warrant.	Unit-level post-service evaluation is expanded to include a review of the development and service of the warrant for tactical, equipment, or training concerns.
No requirement to notify the judge of the address of the location where the Search Warrant was served.	CPD will report to the judge the actual address where the Search Warrant was served and if the warrant service was a wrong raid (served at a wrong location or service is inconsistent with the factual basis for the probable cause used to obtain the Search Warrant).
No requirement to include the independent investigation information in the unit Search Warrant File.	CPD will require the unit Search Warrant Files to include the information, reports, and documents from the independent investigation used to verify and corroborate the Search Warrant.

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