Dignitary Protection

Eff. Date ~~01/04/2024~~

Purpose

The Madison Police Department (MPD) recognizes its responsibility to review requests and provide reasonable assistance for the personal protection of visiting dignitaries and other designated persons. Recognizing this responsibility, the MPD will take reasonable precautions to protect the safety of such visitors.

The purpose of this SOP is to provide guidance for the authorization of dignitary protection and escort details. It also establishes responsibility for the review of requests for dignitary protection and escort details in order to ensure uniformity in authorizing protective details.

Procedure

1. Any employee receiving a request for dignitary protection will refer the request to the Assistant Chief of Investigative and Specialized Services.
2. The Assistant Chief of Investigative and Specialized Services will determine the type and scope of police services provided after consultation with affected District Commanders, SET Commanders, SWAT Commanders, the Commander of Investigative Services, the Commander of the Advanced Security Protection (ASP) Team, and the Commander of Traffic and Specialized Services, depending upon the scope of the event.
3. Dignitary protection details will be provided for foreign and domestic governmental officials whose position entitles them to temporary or full time protection by a law enforcement agency of the United States Government.
4. The request for the dignitary protection detail must be originated by the federal or State law enforcement agency responsible for the security of the dignitary, or be approved by the Chief of Police (or designee).
5. Officers assigned to the detail shall wear the appropriate identification to ensure immediate identification by other law enforcement ~~LE~~ personnel.
6. The Captain of Investigative Services will be responsible for the collection and dissemination of intelligence related to threats to the protectee. ~~The Captain of Investigative Services will coordinate plain clothes/undercover operatives and liaison duties with the protectee's security detail.~~
7. The Captain of the Advanced Security Protection (ASP) Team will coordinate plain clothes/undercover operatives and liaison duties with the protectee's security detail.
8. The Captain of Traffic and Specialized Services will be responsible for the coordination of any motorcade route(s).

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