

# Truro Police Department

## CRITICAL INCIDENT DEBRIEFING

*Policy Number: OPS-6.07*

*Effective Date: June 1, 2000*

### **REFERENCE:**

*Accreditation Standards:*

*Mass. Gen. Law:*

*Other:*

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**POLICY:** A critical incident shall be defined as an incident that has the potential for serious injury or death, high value property destruction, high public scrutiny or media attention.

1. A critical incident debriefing is to assure:
  - a. Officer safety for future similar incidents.
  - b. Review and upgrade any standing departmental procedures.
  - c. Provide a vehicle for post-incident information exchange.
  - d. Provide a permanent and accurate record of all of the above.

### **PROCEDURES:**

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Chief of Police, or his designee, to insure that the critical incident debriefing take place within one week of the incident.
2. As many of the individuals as possible having any association with the incident shall be brought together for this discussion, which will be moderated by a third party (state police, MIA Employee Assistance, Southeastern Mass Stress Team, or a similar unit).
3. Each of these people shall participate in the discussion of the incident. Particular attention will be placed on tactical procedures and officer survival training.
4. All officers are encouraged to issue a memo to the Staff Sergeant on that particular shift of the critical incident containing suggestions and comments on procedural improvements. The Staff Sergeant shall then meet with the Chief of Police regarding that issue.

5. All employees, through the Town of Truro's insurance carrier, have the availability to the services of the employee assistance program.