

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/16/2013	SUBJECT: PATROL FUNCTION TASKS	Number 302.00 (NYSLEAP O-39-1)
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I. PURPOSE:

- A. To set forth policy of the Niagara Falls Police Department regarding tasks of the Patrol Division.

II. POLICY:

- A. Crime Prevention is the duty of all officers of the Niagara Falls Police Department in cooperation with our citizens. The Niagara Falls Police Department aims to prevent crime through routine patrol, preliminary investigation of crime, traffic enforcement, arrest of offenders, enforcement of other laws within our jurisdiction, and education of the community. The Patrol Division shall be responsible for these tasks.

II. PROCEDURE:

A. Tasks

1. Patrol officers are responsible for responding to calls for service in a timely manner, using emergency equipment when deemed necessary, in conjunction with training, NFPD policy, and the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.
2. Patrol officers shall perform a preliminary investigation on all reported crimes and incidents assigned to them. Officers shall complete Standard Incident Reports and other reports when required. Reports shall be thorough, legible and completed during their tour of duty.
3. When not assigned to a specific call for service, officers shall patrol their assigned areas in a conspicuous manner, being at all times observant for crimes in progress, traffic and parking violators, unsafe conditions and wanted persons.

4. Patrol officers shall also interact with area residents and business owners throughout their tour of duty, making note of information learned, and passing it along to other officers.
5. Patrol officers are responsible for the orderly flow of traffic throughout his/her assigned area, including directing traffic when necessary.