

**NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**GENERAL ORDER**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2013	SUBJECT:  <b>INTRA-AGENCY COOPERATION</b>	Number 338.00 (NYSLEAP O-55-5)
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**I. Purpose:**

- A. Because criminal activity has no boundaries or time schedules and what effects one community or people can have a ripple effect on the whole community itself, law enforcement agencies must communicate internally with great efficiency.
- B. There must be communication within divisions and units so everybody can work as a team to accomplish the same goals.

**II. Policy:**

- A. It is the policy of the Niagara Falls Police Department that regular exchanges of investigative reports and criminal activity and crime trends be disseminated throughout the Department.
- B. The use of written directives and special orders will be issued throughout the command structure to ensure this communication.
- C. The Superintendent of Police or designee will hold regularly scheduled staff and Compstat meetings involving personnel from different divisions in order to ensure free flow of information.
- D. Detectives shall work closely with uniformed command officers and uniformed personnel to ensure that a proper investigation is conducted, necessary notifications are made and proper policies and procedures are adhered to.
  - 1. They will also ensure that uniformed personnel will be alerted and informed of any actions and areas where a crime or crimes are suspected to occur.
  - 2. Uniformed personnel shall be informed if known or suspected criminals may be operating within the City unless such disclosure will hamper an investigation.

3. Likewise, uniformed personnel will forward any existing police reports or ongoing investigations to the relevant units in for further processing and completion.
- E. A daily Field Intelligence Bulletin shall be disseminated to all personnel by the Field Intelligence Unit.
  1. The bulletin will update all NFPD members on recent crime trends, wanted persons, and homeland security and organized crime threats.