

## Public Safety Dispatches

### **359.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

To establish procedures for email notification to citizens for public safety related news.

### **359.2 CONSTITUTES SAFETY RELATED NEWS**

May include but not limited to:

- Natural Disaster
  - Earthquake
  - Fire
  - Flooding
- Other Disasters
  - Plane crash
  - Major vehicle accident
  - Gas line leak
  - Sewer issues
- Planned Events Directly Effecting Roadways or Households
  - Major roadwork/closure
  - Power outages
  - Major construction
  - Parades
- Unplanned Events Directly Effecting Roadways or Households
  - Major roadwork/closure
  - Power outages
- Criminal Activity
  - Riots
  - Wanted subject
  - Crime scene street closures

### **359.3 PROCEDURE**

- (a) The Chief of Police, Captains, Sergeants and Watch Commanders are authorized to request an email alert(s) via the Public Safety Dispatch be sent to those citizens signed up for such notifications upon the following:
    1. A safety related event will or has occurred as described in §359.2.
    2. Such an alert would aid the City of Piedmont in protecting citizens, easing congestion, aiding public safety employees, etc.
  - (b) Alerts are to be brief; giving location of event, nature of event, approximate duration of event, and any special conditions.
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- (c) Alerts are to be distributed via the City of Piedmont server.
- (d) The employee authorizing the alert will write a memorandum to the Chief of Police describing the events leading to the need for the alert.