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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for officers in the execution of a no-knock search warrant.

II. POLICY

It is the policy the agency to provide techniques to accomplish a thorough and legal search, observe the constitutional rights of the person the warrant is being served upon, to minimize the level of intrusion experienced by those who are having their premises searched, to provide the highest degree of safety for all involved, and to establish a record of the search process.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Obtaining and Execution of No-Knock Search Warrant

1. To gain entrance to any building or dwelling pursuant to a search warrant without giving notice, a search warrant must contain a "no-

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knock” provision unless exigent circumstances arise. This provision should be in the body of the affidavit.

2. No-knock entries must be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws.
3. A “no-knock” provision cannot be based upon a mere suspicion, but rather must be predicated upon probable cause from an investigation and/or informant that would make knocking and announcing dangerous, futile or would inhibit the effective investigation of the crime.
4. Since an officer has a right to use necessary and reasonable force, it is also the responsibility of the officer to obtain the correct address and location of property or premises to be searched. Intentionally searching the wrong person or premises could lead to prosecution and/or civil liability of an officer.