WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject: Sexually Violent Predators		Policy # 4.8.1
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4.8.1 SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS

A. Purpose

To establish the guidelines for the notifications required under Section 9798 of the Pennsylvania Judicial Code (Title 42) regarding sexual violent predators.

B. Policy

It is the policy of the West Norriton Police Department to comply with section 9798 of the Pennsylvania Judicial Code (Title 42) in reference to written notifications made by the police department of the municipality where a sexually violent offender or sexually violent delinquent child resides as required by 42 Pa. C.S.A. 9791, et seq.

For the purposes of this general order the term sexually violent predator shall be deemed to refer to a sexually violent predator and a sexually violent delinquent child.

C. Notification

1. Not withstanding the provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information), when a sexually violent predator, as defined in 42 Pa.C.S.A. 9792, is living within the Township it shall be the responsibility of the Chief of Police to provide written notification of this fact to the following people:

    a. Neighbors of the sexually violent predator.
    b. The director of the Montgomery County Children & Youth Services.
    c. The Superintendent of the Norristown School District and the equivalent official of any parochial or private school within a one mile radius of the predator's residence or is transient.
    d. The president of each college, university and community college located within 1,000 feet of a predator's residence or is transient.
    e. The licensee of each certified day care center and licensed pre-school program and the owner/operator of each registered family day care home in the Township.

2. The written notification shall contain:

    a. The name of the convicted sexually violent predator.

b. The address or addresses at which he resides. If the individual is a transient, written notice shall consist of the transient's temporary habitat or other temporary place of abode or dwelling, including, but not limited to, a homeless shelter or park, and a list of the places the transient eats, frequents and engages in leisure activities.
c. The offense for which he has been convicted.
d. A statement that he has been determined by court order to be a sexually violent predator and the date of the court order.
e. A photograph of the sexually violent predator, if available.

3. The written notification shall not include any information that might reveal the victim's name, identity and residence.

4. Notification as described in subsection A shall be completed within the following time frame:

   a. To neighbors, notice shall be provided within 5 days after information of the sexually violent predator's release date and residence has been received by the Chief of Police. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (A) and (B), verbal notification may be used if written notification would delay meeting this time requirement.
   b. To the persons specified in subsection (A)(2,3&4) notice shall be provided within seven days after the Chief of Police receives information regarding the sexually violent predator's release date and residence or is transient..

5. Public Notice – All information provided in accordance with this General Order shall be available, upon request, to the general public. The information may be provided by electronic means.

6. Interstate Parolees – The duties of the police department under this General Order shall also apply to individuals who are paroled to this Commonwealth pursuant to section 33 of the act of August 6, 1941 (P.L. 861, No. 323) referred to as the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole Law.

7. Victim Notification – When the Department is notified that an individual has been determined to be a sexually violent predator under section 9795.4 of Title 42 the victim shall be given written notification. This notice shall be given within 72 hours after the agency receives official notification and upon notification of a change in address. This notification shall contain the predator's name and address(es) where he resides, the address of employment and the address where the sexually violent predator is enrolled as a student.