

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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This Operations Directive is for internal use only and does not enhance an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as a creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this Operations Directive, if proven, may only form the basis for a complaint by this Department, and only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to employees regarding their association with known victims, witnesses, suspects, and defendants.

**SECTION 2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department that employees are prohibited from becoming inappropriately involved in a relationship with a victim, witness, suspect, or defendant of a case being investigated by the department during such time that the case is being investigated or being prosecuted as a result of the investigation.

**SECTION 3 PROCEDURES**

**A. INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS**

Employees are prohibited from establishing or maintaining what a reasonable person would believe constitutes an inappropriate relationship with any person who is a known victim, witness, suspect, or defendant of a case being investigated by the department during such time that the case is being investigated or being prosecuted as a result of the investigation.

**B. RESPONSIBILITY**

1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.