

Village of Lansing Police Department

SPECIAL ORDER 20-03

Subject: Duty to Intervene

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The purpose of this policy is to explain the legal and moral obligation that members of the Lansing Police Department have regarding their duty to intervene. This duty is embodied in the Law Enforcement Officer's Code of Ethics, and in the law.

The following section will be modified as follows:

GENERAL ORDER 1.1 Law Enforcement Agency Role

1.1.5 Duty to Intervene

- A. Law Enforcement Officers have an affirmative duty to intervene when they are present and witness another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances. The officer shall, when in a position to safely do so, intervene to prevent the unreasonable use of force.
- B. Officers of this agency also have a duty to intervene when they observe or hear conduct by a fellow member of the agency that is unethical, clearly violates the law, or violates agency policy.
- C. Any Officer who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law, or any conduct that is unethical or that which clearly violates the law or agency policy, should promptly report these observations to a Supervisor.
- D. Once a Supervisor has been notified of such an incident, the Supervisor shall conduct a preliminary investigation into the matter, gather pertinent information, and secure evidence of such. The supervisor shall then immediately notify the appropriate Division Deputy Chief of Police in accordance with General Order 52.2 Complaint Procedures.