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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED OFFICERS

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Criteria for Deployment of AFOs

The deployment of AFOs should only be authorised in the following circumstances:

Where a person(s)

- Is in possession of, or has immediate access to, a firearm or other potentially lethal weapon, or
- Is otherwise so dangerous that the deployment of armed officers is considered to be appropriate or
- As an operational contingency as part of a specific operation (based on the threat assessment): or
- For the destruction of animals which are dangerous or are suffering unnecessarily. (CO19 personnel only).

Spontaneous Incident

Spontaneous incidents are defined as those incidents that take place without warning, the circumstances of which demand that armed support to the initial police response must be considered. In cases of spontaneous incident or time critical deployment a Form FA2 is to be used.

Authorised Operations

"All other firearms operations not falling within the above (spontaneous) definition."

Authority for the deployment of firearms for Authorised operations will be given by an accredited Strategic Firearms Commander from CO5, SCD7 or SCD8 dependent on the level of operations (see MPS SOP section 6.5).

For further information, reference should be made to MPS Standard Operating Procedures, available on the MPS intranet.

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