

	<b>ANDOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER</b>		Number: P3108
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## I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to provide guidelines and to establish criteria for the Critters on Patrol (COP) program.

## II. Policy

The Andover Police Department will maintain a supply of stuffed animals that may be given to children who become victims of traumatic situations. These situations may include but not be limited to severe injury to the child, injury to a loved one, or some other type of emotional trauma.

## III. Definitions

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## IV. Regulations

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## V. Procedures

### A. Critters on Patrol (COP)

1. Each Department patrol vehicle will be supplied with two stuffed animals packaged and sealed for cleanliness.
2. The stuffed animals carried in patrol vehicles can be given to traumatized children by patrol officers when the patrol officer feels the child will receive some degree of comfort from having a stuffed animal to hug.

### B. Replacement and Storage of Stuffed Animals

1. A supply of reserve stuffed animals will be maintained and checked out through the Office of the Chief of Police for replacement of those used by patrol officers.