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PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for determining the most

effective utilization of department personnel.

POLICY: It is the policy of the Albany Police Department to allocate and staff departmental

components based upon periodic workload assessments.

I. POSITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- **A.** The department's position management system shall utilize a staffing table, which shall be reviewed and updated annually, and as needed throughout the fiscal year. The staffing table shall provide the following information:
 - **1.** The number and type of each position authorized in the department's budget:
 - **2.** Location of each authorized position within the department's organizational structure; and
 - **3.** Position status information, whether filled or vacant, for each authorized position in the department.
- **B.** Information regarding the department's staffing authorization and organization shall be maintained in the following locations:
 - 1. General Order 1.1.05 Organizational Chart;
 - 2. City of Albany annual budget; and
 - 3. Excel spreadsheet, maintained by the Chief Fiscal Officer.

II. WORKLOAD ASSESMENTS

- **A.** The purpose of a documented workload assessment is to encourage the equalization of individual workloads among and within department's organizational components to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
 - 1. This process allows the department to determine the overall number of personnel required to fulfill its objectives.

- **B.** The allocation of personnel within all organizational components shall be based on documented workload assessments.
 - 1. Such workload assessments shall be completed at least once every four (4) years by each unit commander, and shall be based on the nature or number of a particular component's tasks and their complexity, location, and time required for completion.
 - a. Unit Commanders or his/her designee shall be responsible for completing a documented workload assessment by December 31st 2015, and every four (4) years thereafter.
 - **b.** The results of this workload assessment shall be documented on an IDC and submitted to the Chief of Police.
- **C.** The allocation of personnel shall take into account the following:
 - 1. The number of incidents/tasks handled during a specified period;
 - 2. The average time required for handling incidents/tasks by using a sampling of cases worked;
 - **3.** Calculation of time, on average that should be available to handle incidents/tasks: and
 - 4. Time lost through days off, holidays, and other leaves.
- **D.** Patrol and Neighborhood Engagement Unit officers should be distributed in accordance with temporal and geographic distributions of incidents and/or in accordance with community policing strategies.
 - **1.** Information that can be used may consist of, but shall not be limited to the following:
 - a. Shift summary reports;
 - **b.** Activity logs;
 - **c.** Arrest data;
 - d. Crime statistics:
 - e. Citations issued:
 - f. Problem solving activities;
 - g. Quality of life initiatives;
 - h. Community presentations;
 - i. Crime prevention initiatives;
 - j. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design applications;
 - **k.** Community needs; and
 - Job tasks.
- **E.** The Chief of Police shall make the final determination for all reallocations of personnel among the department's organization components.

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