



# SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL MANUAL



## Procedure 706 – Assaults on Peace Officers

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### .01 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this procedure is to establish a process for officers to follow when handling Assaults/Aggravated Assaults on peace officers. This procedure assists the officer in gathering evidence necessary for the successful prosecution of the suspect(s).

### .02 PROCEDURE

- A. When an officer has established an assault on a peace officer has occurred and the actor(s) are going to be arrested or filed on for Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer, the following guidelines are followed.
- B. An attempt should be made to contact a follow-up Homicide or Night CID Unit Investigator when available. If available, the investigator may request all witnesses, suspects, and complainant(s) be transported to Headquarters for statements and photos. Should follow-up investigators not be available, copies of all reports are routed to the Homicide Unit.
- C. Officers' injuries are photographed as soon as possible. Should an officer be transported to a hospital for medical treatment and a photograph cannot be taken, the officer is advised to contact the Homicide Unit to make arrangements for photographs.
- D. Officers, who are complainants, do not write their own offense report. Another officer is assigned the reporting responsibilities. Officers who are complainants write supplementary reports on an incident report form.
- E. Other officers who are witnesses, or who were involved in any part of the incident, write a supplementary report.
- F. The offense report documents the following information:
  1. Names of complainants, witnesses, and suspects;
  2. Details of the incident;
  3. Injuries sustained to the complainant or suspect;
  4. Medical treatment received by complainant or suspect; and
  5. Photographs of the complainant's or suspect's injuries.
- G. In the event the officer receives medical treatment, the officer signs SAPD Form #69, *Medical Release*, for the District Attorney's Office. The medical release can be signed at the Night CID Unit or the Homicide Unit office.
- H. A uniformed supervisory officer is dispatched on all assaults on a peace officer where an arrest is made.
  1. The supervisor writes the proper injured officer reports and initiates the Workers' Compensation documentation in accordance with GM Procedure 916, *Worker's Compensation*.
  2. A copy of the Workers' Compensation documentation is forwarded to Homicide Unit to be included with the case for filing in the District Attorney's Office.