



LOUDON POLICE DEPARTMENT LOUDON, TN



Chapter 14

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This directive shall consist of the following:

- I. Purpose
- II. Procedure
- III. Policy

I. Purpose

The purpose for this policy is to outline the proper procedure for officers of the city of Loudon Police Department to coordinate with animal control personnel in an effort to respond and handle animal complaints. Supporting ordinance from the City of Loudon ordinance title #10, chapter #3.

II. Procedure

- a. Complaint comes through the Police Department
patrol officer(s) shall be assigned to investigate the circumstances. If the initial responding officer(s) determines a need for animal control personnel, the officer(s) shall notify them through the communication center.
- b. Complaint comes through animal shelter
the Police Department should be notified through the communication center, for a patrol officer(s) to accompany animal control personnel to investigate the circumstances.
 - i. In a combined effort, the patrol officer(s) and animal control personnel shall determine if the animal(s) is vicious. If determined by the patrol officer(s), after conferring with the animal control personnel, that the animal(s) is vicious, the patrol officer(s) shall write the citation(s) and prosecute the case(s) in court. Animal control personnel shall be utilized as witnesses in court if needed.
 - ii. If the animal control complaint relates to an animal running loose in violation of the City of Loudon ordinance, the patrol officer(s) shall issue a citation(s)

III. Policy

a. Transportation

There shall be no animal(s) transported, for any reason, in a City of Loudon patrol vehicle without permission from the shift Sergeant