

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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Introduction: This policy is being revised to include language from 5-104 Impartial Policing regarding probable cause.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-103 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

5-103 USE OF DISCRETION
(A-D)

The police profession is one that requires officers to use considerable judgment and discretion in the performance of their daily duties. Officers have a large body of knowledge from Department policies and procedures, training, their own professional police experience and the experiences of their fellow officers to guide them in exercising proper judgment and discretion in situations not specifically addressed by Department rules and regulations. In addition, officers must always adhere to the following principles in the course of their employment with the Minneapolis Police Department:

POLICE ACTION - LEGALLY JUSTIFIED: Officers must act within the limits of their authority as defined by law and judicial interpretation, thereby ensuring that the constitutional rights of individuals and the public are protected. All investigative detentions, pedestrian and vehicle stops, arrests, searches and seizures of property by officers will be based on a standard of reasonable suspicion or probable cause in accordance with the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and statutory authority. Officers must be able to articulate specific facts, circumstances and conclusions that support reasonable suspicion or probable cause. (11/17/15)

EQUALITY OF ENFORCEMENT: Officers shall provide fair and impartial law enforcement to all citizens.

LOYALTY: Officers shall be faithful to their oath of office, strive to uphold the principles of professional police service, and advance the mission of the Department.