

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: Manual Revision – 9-301 Search Warrants			APPROVED BY: <i>Chief O'Hara</i>

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Introduction: This policy was updated to change the approver in certain circumstances from the Deputy Chief of Investigations to a Deputy Chief or higher. Further updates will be made to the warrant policies with the broader search, seizure, citation, and arrest updates.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 9-301 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

9-301 Search Warrants

(04/08/22) (05/02/22) (07/01/23) (06/15/25)

Revisions to prior policies: (06/19/02) (06/12/02) (08/01/02) (08/08/07) (03/11/16)
(06/29/16) (11/30/20)

IV. Procedures/Regulations

B. Time of Search Warrant Service

1. In accordance with MN Statute section 626.14, a search warrant may be served only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. unless the court determines on the basis of facts stated in the affidavits that a nighttime search outside those hours is necessary to prevent the loss, destruction, or removal of the objects of the search or to protect the searchers or the public.
2. The search warrant shall state that it may be served only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. unless a nighttime search outside those hours is authorized.
 - a. All nighttime search warrants for a private residence or business not already under control of officers shall be reviewed and approved prior to execution by ~~the a~~ Deputy Chief ~~of Investigations or, if unavailable, another employee at the rank of Deputy Chief or above~~ or higher.

I. Requests by Others Jurisdiction for Search Warrant Execution

1. Prior approval by ~~the~~a Deputy Chief ~~of Investigations~~or higher is required for the execution of a search warrant for an outside agency.
 - a. The Commander who oversees the division of the requested unit shall seek approval from ~~the~~a Deputy Chief ~~of Investigations~~or higher prior to the execution of a search warrant for an outside agency.
 - b. The Deputy Chief ~~of Investigations~~or higher shall review the search warrant prior to giving approval to assist the outside agency.
2. All assistance provided shall be in compliance with MPD policies.