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## Purpose

Provide members of the Somerville Police Department with guidelines for the protection and safety of the **Community Outreach Help and Recovery (COHR) Team** when conducting **off-site** consultation, as well as responding police officers when requested.

## Policy

The Somerville Police Department has implemented code **210**, which will be entered into the CAD system and dispatched whenever a COHR member conducts business with a client, outside of Somerville Police Headquarters.

## Definitions

COHR: The Community Outreach, Help and Recovery (COHR) is a program dedicated to aid and provide resources to support Somerville Residents on their recovery path from substance abuse and mental health.

## Procedures

### 1. Dispatching

- A. When responding to an off-site location, COHR members will notify Somerville Control before departing Somerville Police Headquarters. COHR members not located at Somerville Police Headquarters must notify dispatch by telephone, prior to arrival of their intended location.
- B. Dispatch will then enter code “**210**,” “**Mental Health Visit**,” into CAD.
- C. COHR members will be identified by call sign COHR-1, COHR-2...COHR-5.

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- D.** Officers will be dispatched to the COHR member's location whenever police assistance is requested by the COHR member, during the off-site visit.
- E.** At the completion of the visit, a COHR team member must notify dispatch by telephone that they are clearing the location, unless an officer was dispatched. Officers dispatched to a COHR member's location will notify dispatch upon completion of service, following normal protocols.