



# Cranston Police Department

## General Order 320.80

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300 – Law Enforcement Operations	June 6, 2014	1
SUBSECTION	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
20 – Patrol Functions	N/A	
TITLE	CALEA STANDARD	
320.80 – Civil Procedures	N/A	

### I. Purpose

- a. To provide guidelines for the Cranston Police Department while executing the police role in civil situations.

### II. Policy

- a. It is the policy of the Cranston Police Department to aid in keeping the peace in civil situations and to fully document such actions.

### III. Authority

- a. The Chief of Police is vested by and subject to the provisions of the City Charter and the laws of the State of Rhode Island, with the authority to approve, issue, modify, or rescind all departmental general orders, special orders, personnel orders, and memoranda.

### IV. Procedures

- a. Telephone requests to dispatch and walk-in request for police presence at a "keep the peace" will be forwarded to the Patrol Officer-in-Charge.
- b. The Officer-in-Charge will determine the nature of the action and if a police presence is warranted.
- c. The Cranston Police Department will dispatch officers to provide for a "keep the peace" whenever necessary. Appropriate "keep the peace" functions include:
  - i. Tenant/Landlord disputes
  - ii. Eviction by Sheriff/Constable
  - iii. Repossession.
  - iv. Domestic dispute resolutions (post arrest assistance).
  - v. Any situation deemed appropriate by the Officer in Charge.
- d. Once dispatched to a "Keep the Peace Call", the officer must terminate the process if there is any resistance except when the process is served by the County Sheriff/Constable in possession of Writ of Execution. In that event, the officer may assist the Sheriff by maintaining peace.
- e. In all cases, a police report will be completed.

### V. Responsibility

- a. It is the responsibility of all officers to familiarize themselves and comply with this order.

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