

### 40.3 Command Protocol

#### OPERATIONS

**STANDARD 40.3**     **The agency has a written directive(s) that defines command protocol for situations involving personnel of different components engaged in a single operation.**

*Commentary: The written directive will provide guidance as to who is in command of a particular operation when personnel from two or more components are included in a single operation. (Example - who is in charge if patrol and detective personnel are present at the scene of an incident?)*

#### Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interview(s) with supervisory staff to verify their knowledge and understanding of this directive.
3. A review of reports describing incident(s) in which personnel from different components were engaged in a single operation to determine if the officers acted in compliance with the directive.