



# GENERAL POLICE ORDER CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE



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SUBJECT: <p style="text-align: center;">ALERT LONG TERM CAUTION: TAYLOR ALERT (TA)</p>			
ASSOCIATED MANUAL:		RELATED ORDERS:	
CHIEF OF POLICE: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edward F. Lohn, Chief</i></p>			

**PURPOSE:** To set guidelines to enter information into the Taylor Alert, a long term caution file in the LEADS Caution Ohio Police which warns an officer of safety concerns when a substantial threat has previously been made.

**POLICY:** The Cleveland Division of Police shall use the LEADS Cop File to enhance officer safety by providing an early warning system of potential threats from citizens they may encounter in the course of their duties.

**PROCEDURES:**

**I.** To Enter a Taylor Alert (TA).

**In all cases, First Amendment Rights shall be considered and the seriousness of the threat weighed against an individual’s right to freedom of expression.** Under no circumstances shall entries be filed based on an individual’s race, sex, religion, national origin, ethnicity, social views, or association with political or religious groups or organizational activities.

**A.** Complete the TA entry form, (Appendix), for the following criteria:

1. Previous conviction for an act of violence (assault) against a law enforcement officer. This **does not** include fleeing or resisting arrest.
2. A verbal threat of physical harm specifically directed toward law enforcement personnel. **In this instance the following must be met:**
  - a. Reasonable Suspicion to believe an individual may act on a verbal threat in the future. Reasonable suspicion is established if information exists that establishes sufficient facts to give a trained officer basis to believe there is reasonable possibility an individual may present increased danger to any law enforcement officer.

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- b. Source Reliability is the reliability of the source is unquestioned or has been well tested in the past.
    - c. Content Validity is a law enforcement officer or a reliable independent source has corroborated the information.
  - B. The Chief of Police or their designee shall consider the criteria stated above to determine whether or not the information shall be entered as a TA. If approved, documentation of this approval, the originating officer's Form-1, signed by the Chief, shall be maintained by the Bureau of Administrative Services/Record File Section. A supervisor in the Record File Section shall ensure that the information is entered into LEADS by the message center.
- II. A Record File Section designee will review the record and contact the originating officer to determine if the record shall continue to remain in LEADS.