

**COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION
POLICY RECOMMENDATION**

RPD Policy and Procedures 4.39
Response to Loud Parties, Gatherings or Events

In reviewing a recent complaint, the Commission noted that **RPD Policy 4.39 RESPONSE TO LOUD PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR EVENTS** does not appear to be consistent with field practice or, in some instances, with the wishes of complaining parties. Specifically, Section 4.39 C. 1. a. requires the officer responding to an initial complaint, "...to contact the victim, obtain a statement, and determine whether the victim is willing to execute a private person's arrest form in the event a second response is necessary..."

There are instances where the complaining party does not want the fact that they complained to be known. The appearance of a police officer at complainant's home just before the officer contacts the loud party is a giveaway that they are the source of the complaint. Further, if the intent of the complaint is to stop the noise, it may be a waste of the officer's time to contact the complainant if they can simply go to the source of the noise and request that it be toned down.

Policy Recommendation:

The Commission believes Section 4.39 should be redrafted to give officers the flexibility to contact the complaining party or not, as circumstances dictate. Naturally, if the complaining party requests officer contact, it should be provided, if possible.

Mike Gardner, Chair
Community Police Review Commission

Date