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First Amendment Activities: Pre-Event Planning
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All members are reminded that when preparing for events involving the exercise of First Amendment rights, Department General Order 8.10, Guidelines for First Amendment Activities, limits inquiries into organizations' event planning activities. These inquiries are limited to openly contacting organizations or persons knowledgeable about a public event, accessing open source information such as public domain websites, etc., and examining public records to facilitate traffic control, crowd management, or other public safety concerns at the event.

Unless invited, departmental contacts with event organizers or participants should be made by telephone during normal business hours without officer(s) attending an organization's meetings. If no telephone contact is known or can be made, website addresses or email addresses listed on announcements, flyers, etc. is permissible. In the course of such contacts it should be made clear that communications are voluntary.

Department General Order 8.10 remains in full-effect and members shall continue to follow its provisions.


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Per DB 15-141, both sworn and non-sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge this Department Bulletin in HRMS.