



**SUBJECT:** Protection of Vital Public Utilities

**TO:** Members of the Department

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### **37.1. PROTECTION OF VITAL PUBLIC UTILITIES**

It is imperative that vital public and private utilities be safeguarded against theft, vandalism, sabotage, or acts of terrorism. Therefore, enlisted members of the department shall aid in the inspection and protection of these facilities within the state.

Vital public and private utilities are electricity generation, transmission and distribution facilities; natural gas, oil and petroleum production, transmission pipelines and storage facilities; water treatment, storage and distribution facilities; and sewage treatment facilities. These facilities are Critical Infrastructure, so vital that their incapacity or destruction would have a debilitating impact that could seriously weaken the state's security, economic stability, public safety, or public health and welfare of the people of the state of Michigan.

#### **37.1.1. IDENTIFICATION OF UTILITY COMPANY PERSONNEL**

Employees of public and private utility companies who are authorized to work on company facilities are issued distinctive identification cards. They should have these identification cards or appropriate work orders in their possession when working. Generally, any authorized construction or repair vehicle near a public utility facility will bear company markings.

### 37.1.2. ROUTINE CHECKS OF FACILITIES

- A. Enlisted members shall become familiar with the location of vital public and private utilities in their post area and observe these facilities when performing their regular duties. When routine observations satisfy an officer that a facility appears to be normal or that workers and vehicles appear to be proper, it is sufficient to record the observation activity as a property inspection. If an officer's suspicions are aroused by suspicious persons or circumstances at or near a facility, the officer shall report and investigate.
- B. If any person checked at a facility claims to be an employee of the company or implies that he or she has a legitimate connection but is without proper identification, the investigating officer shall verify with the company that the person has proper permission and is authorized to be at the facility. The Operations Section can assist in the verification process.

### 37.1.3 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING

Enlisted members who encounter suspicious activities are to report these to the Michigan Intelligence Operation Center (MIOC) using the email address [MIOC@Michigan.gov](mailto:MIOC@Michigan.gov) or through the <http://www.michtip.state.mi.us/> webpage, utilizing the quick tip tool via MI-Intel, or by calling operations at 517-241-XXXX.

### 37.1.4. EMERGENCY CHECKS OF FACILITIES

When the Operations Section, MIOC, or Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division deems it necessary, a LEIN message may be transmitted to require all patrols to maintain close observation of all facilities and require persons in or about the facilities to properly identify themselves.

## 37.2 REVISION RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for continuous review and revision of this Order lies with Specialized Services Bureau (Intelligence Operations Division), in cooperation with the Office of the Director.

DIRECTOR