

# Medina Police Department

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## **1060.1 – PURPOSE**

The department and the community have a legitimate concern that licensed employees not in uniform provide proof of identification. Any contact between any employee and citizen results in obligations and responsibilities for both parties. It is extremely important that there be no doubt in the minds of citizens that they are dealing with an officer and that they be protected from individuals who would impersonate an officer.

## **1060.2 – POLICY**

To provide these protections and to stress the importance of identification, it is required that:

- A. Officers on or off duty and not in full police uniform identify themselves as officers prior to taking any enforcement or corrective action. This also applies to gathering any police information, unless the assignment by its nature (e.g., undercover activities) precludes such identification.
- B. Licensed employees identify themselves by name and rank when requested to do so.
- C. Plain-clothes officers on duty offer their badge and department I.D. for examination to all persons whom they officially contact.
- D. An officer in full uniform present a department identification card if identity is questioned by a citizen, whom the officer feels, is sincere in the request and honestly has doubt about the officer's identity.
- E. On-duty, plain-clothes officers pin or affix their badge on their outer garment when involved in a police group action where their identity may be questioned by either citizens or other police officers.