

Denver Police Department Operational Policy:

116.18 Resources for Police Department Employees and their Families

(1) Police Psychological Service Unit

a. Any need for emergency contact of the Police Psychologist can be met through the police dispatcher or at the Psychologist's office during normal working hours.

b. Officers or families (spouses and dependent children) seeking confidential counseling should call the Psychologist's Office and arrange for an appointment. The office phone number is found in the Department telephone directory.

c. The Psychologist shall be available to all officers and/or families without respect for the chain of command, nor shall any officer be ordered to consult with him by any commanding officer.

d. The Psychologist will supervise the Denver Police Department Peer Support Project and the volunteers involved in the program.

1. The Peer Support Project provides confidential emergency intervention, assessment, and direction to other available resources, when indicated, in alcohol and related problem areas. The only exception to the rule of confidentiality would be regarding information dealing with criminal activity. Officers serving as Peer Support Advisors are required to report such information to the appropriate authority.

2. Peer Support Project members are volunteers from the Denver Police Department and are trained under the direction of the Police Psychologist.

3. Project members can be contacted through the Police Psychologist's office during normal business hours. After normal business hours, project members can be contacted through their answering service.