

**Summary Report for Individual Task  
191-390-0562  
Respond to a Domestic Disturbance Incident  
Status: Approved**

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DESTRUCTION NOTICE: None

**Condition:** While on duty and performing law enforcement activities in a garrison environment, you are given military police gear according to the local standing operating procedure (SOP), a weapon, a military police vehicle equipped with emergency equipment, a partner, a call to respond to a suspected domestic disturbance, and appropriate MP report forms, including blank *Department of the Army (DA) Forms 4137 (Evidence/Property Custody Document)*.

**Standard:** Arrive on the scene without alerting the disputants of your presence, request and wait for backup while assessing the situation, make contact with and interview the disputants, identify any injuries or evidence of a crime, brief the military police desk sergeant/patrol supervisor, and handle the situation accordingly.

**Special Condition:** None

**Special Standards:** None

**Special Equipment:**

**Safety Level:** Low

**MOPP:**

<b>Task Statements</b>
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**Cue:** None

<b>DANGER</b>
None

<b>WARNING</b>
None

<b>CAUTION</b>
None

**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

## Performance Steps

1. Receive the call and proceed to the scene.
  - a. Repeat the call back to the dispatcher, confirming the address, and request backup.
  - b. Request a weapons check and any prior incidents by name or address.
  - c. Use emergency equipment only when necessary.
  - d. Turn off emergency equipment and driving lights as soon as possible and when it is safe to do so to avoid alerting the disputants of your arrival.
  - e. Park a minimum of one building away or as the situation indicates.
  - f. Report your arrival, and observe the scene using caution, looking for damaged windows, doors, and unusual movement.

Note: Avoid using your flashlight or spotlight when assessing the situation as it may prematurely warn the occupants of your arrival.

### CAUTION

A domestic in progress or life threatening situations may require immediate response.

g. Report initial observations to the military police desk sergeant and wait for backup and/or the patrol supervisor to arrive.

2. Approach the dwelling and attempt to make visual contact with the personnel involved.
  - a. Observe the yard and surrounding area for signs of any dogs as you approach.
  - b. Listen at the door for 15 to 30 seconds to detect the nature of the disturbance.
  - c. Check any screen or outer doors to see if they are locked. This will avoid any unexpected barriers.
  - d. Position yourself and your partner on the sides of the door.

Note: Generally, the senior partner stands on the side that opens, and the junior partner stands on the hinged side of the door. Make adjustments as the situation dictates, but do not stand directly in front of the door.

- e. Use the doorbell (if there is one) before knocking. Knock firmly but not aggressively.

(1) Confirm with the MP desk that you are at the correct address if there is no response, or if the exact address is unknown, check with surrounding neighbors.

(2) Check all windows/doors and the back yard if you are at the correct address and there is no response. Continue to listen for any sounds indicating that someone is there.

Note: Do not enter the dwelling without permission unless you believe a serious crime is being committed and entering is the only way to stop the crime or save a life.

3. Make initial contact.
  - a. Identify yourself and why you are there.

b. Show a calm, positive, and helpful attitude, and remain alert for danger.

c. Ask to conduct the interview inside.

Note: If the occupants refuse to allow you in, contact the military police desk sergeant/patrol supervisor for further guidance.

d. Ask to see all personnel in the dwelling to ensure that they are not injured.

(1) Look for obvious signs of injury or duress.

(2) Request medical assistance if serious injuries are observed and provide first aid.

(3) Note the emotional and physical state of the disputants.

(4) Use good interpersonal communication (IPC) skills to minimize children's trauma if they are involved, but be certain that they are okay before proceeding.

Note: If there are any signs or symptoms of abuse, discreetly notify the military police desk sergeant for further guidance.

e. Note the condition of the dwelling.

(1) Look for physical damage.

(2) Look for sanitary conditions.

(3) Look for signs of struggle (disarray).

f. Protect the scene.

(1) Establish the boundaries.

(2) Exclude unauthorized and nonessential personnel from the scene.

(3) Implement measures to protect evidence that may be lost or compromised.

4. Separate the disputants.

a. Position yourself and your partner so that you can maintain eye contact with each other.

b. Move the disputants out of sight and hearing of each other if possible.

c. Prevent disputants from coming between yourself and your partner.

d. Do not leave disputants alone or take them where there are potential weapons.

e. Neutralize any potential or actual weapons.

Note: Do not place the disputants in the kitchen or bedroom due to the potential for weapons to be in the area.

5. Interview the disputants. (See Task 191-376-5126.)

a. Interview each disputant separately.

- b. Allow the disputants to cool off.
- c. Avoid giving opinions and making judgments when talking to the disputants.
- d. Compare notes with your partner to ensure that you have the story straight.

Note: If you suspect or determine that the person you are speaking with has committed a crime, stop the interview and apprehend the subject.

6. Employ one of the following intervention techniques:

- a. Mediate among the disputants and attempt to reach a neutral resolution.
- b. Refer the disputants to the appropriate agencies.
- c. Separate the disputants (for example, a 72-hour separation policy).

d. Apprehend disputants according to the local SOP. Transport any apprehended individual according to the local SOP.

7. Collect any evidence.

- a. Take custody of the evidence, property, or contraband.

(1) Note the location where you obtained the item.

(2) Mark the item for identification and package it if it is evidence.

- b. Prepare a DA Form 4137.

Note: Take photographs of the scene/evidence depicting the location of evidence prior to collection.

8. Brief the military police desk sergeant/patrol supervisor on your findings and obtain instructions on how to proceed.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Preparation:** Setup: Create a situation in which a report of a domestic disturbance has been received. Have personnel designated to role-play as the disputants. The evaluator or a noncommissioned officer role player will play the role of the military police desk sergeant and provide any instructions not covered in the performance steps. Ensure that the testing scenario does not exceed the scope of the task.

Brief Soldier: Tell the Soldier to respond to the situation as it develops, brief the situation, and request from the evaluator or role player any additional guidance normally obtained from the supervisor. Brief the role players on what actions they are to take.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Received the call and proceeded to the scene.			
2. Approached the dwelling and attempted to make visual contact with the personnel involved.			
3. Made initial contact.			
4. Separated the disputants.			
5. Interviewed the disputants.			
6. Employed an intervention technique.			
7. Collected any evidence.			
8. Briefed the military police desk sergeant/patrol supervisor on your findings and obtained instructions on how to proceed.			

**Supporting Reference(s):**

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary
	ATTP 3-39.10	Law and Order Operations	No	No
	DA FORM 4137	Evidence/Property Custody Document.	Yes	No

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management. Leaders will complete a DA Form 7566 COMPOSITE RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHEET during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW FM 3-11.4, NBC Protection, FM 3-11.5, CBRN Decontamination. Everyone is responsible for safety. A thorough risk assessment must be completed prior to every mission or operation.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Collective Tasks :**

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N/A	N/A	Not Selected	Delete