3-01/010.40 - Authority of Rank

The authority delegated or granted to deputy personnel is not confined to their respective divisions. Except for the circumstances described in section 3-01/010.35, this authority shall include supervision over any subordinate members of the Department, when necessary, for efficient administration or when the conduct of subordinate members is contrary to Department policy and regulations. This authority should be exercised with utmost discretion. Members having rank should avoid giving direct commands to personnel not assigned to their control except when required to do so in an emergency or for the good of the Department. When such action is required, the respective unit commander should be informed as soon as possible.

Deputy personnel shall exercise the authority of their position under all conditions which require the use of such authority for the best interest of the Department. They shall not unnecessarily countermand any orders of deputy personnel below their own rank or needlessly interfere with the specific duties of any subordinate members.