**§7507. Emergency interruption of service for law enforcement purposes**

**1. Definitions.**  As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Critical incident" means a situation in which there is probable cause to believe that a person is holding a hostage while committing a crime or who is barricaded and resisting apprehension through the use or threatened use of force. [RR 1993, c. 1, §105 (COR).]

B. "Commanding law enforcement officer" means a law enforcement officer who has jurisdiction and is in charge at a critical incident. [RR 1993, c. 1, §105 (COR).]

C. "Law enforcement officer" means a person who by virtue of public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order, to prosecute offenders and to make arrests for crimes. [RR 1993, c. 1, §105 (COR).]

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**2. Order.**  The commanding law enforcement officer at a critical incident may order a previously designated telephone utility security employee to arrange to cut, reroute or divert telephone lines for the purpose of preventing telephone communication by a suspected person with a person other than a law enforcement officer or a person authorized by a law enforcement officer.

[PL 1993, c. 31, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Security employee designation.**  A telephone utility shall designate a security employee and an alternate security employee to provide required assistance to law enforcement officers involved in a critical incident.

[PL 1993, c. 31, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

RR 1993, c. 1, §105 (COR). PL 1993, c. 31, §1 (NEW).

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