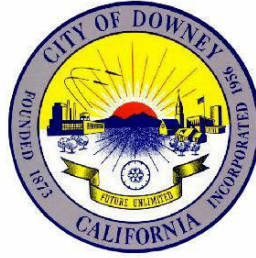


DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING



BULLETIN

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Downey Municipal Code 4602 Loud Radio, Music or Reproduced Sound - "Party Calls"

When an officer receives a radio call of loud music or party, they should make contact with the person in charge of the premises and the person responsible for the event, or if either of those persons is a minor, then the parents or guardians of that minor pursuant to **Downey Municipal Code 4601**.

Upon a first response, officers should issue the responsible parties a "**Notice of Party/Disturbance First Response Notice**" (see attached). The notice provides a warning pursuant to **Downey Municipal Code 4601(b)**, which makes the responsible party aware of a service fee that will be implemented upon a subsequent response.

In the event of a subsequent response, the officer should take appropriate measures which may include issuing a citation for violation of **Downey Municipal Code 4602 - Loud Radio, Music or Reproduced Sound**. Officers may issue the citation without a complainant (citizen arrest) if the loud radio, music or reproduced sound is occurring between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and is in such a manner that the sound is plainly audible to the officer at a distance of fifty (50') feet from the building, structure, or vehicle in which it is located. If the sound is not plainly audible to the officer as described above, then the officer should ascertain if the "complainant/victim" is desirous of prosecution. If they are, then the officer should complete a **Private Person Arrest Form**.

In the event the officer receives the call for service outside of the 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. time frame, the officer can issue a citation for **Downey Municipal Code 4600 – Noises**. However, this would require the completion of a **Private Person Arrest Form** for any citation issued.

***It should be noted that the above is a guideline only and a violation of 4602 DMC can be enforced upon a first response if deemed necessary.**