

## COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

### **NOTICE**

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**TO:** All Concerned Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

**SUBJECT:** MARITIME OPERATIONS TEAM AVAILABILITY AND CAPABILITIES

The Maritime Operations Team (MOT) is a component of Metropolitan Division, and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist your commands in a variety of ways. The MOT is available for the following types of incidents:

- Processing underwater crime scenes, which include, but are not limited to the ocean, City lakes, flood control channels, Department of Water and Power (DWP) reservoirs, swimming pools, or any waterborne environment where a suspect could discard evidence. Searches may be conducted by hand, underwater metal detectors, and / or Sonar devices;
- Searches for missing persons where a body of water may be involved;
- Drowning investigations that have occurred within the Los Angeles Police Department jurisdiction that may include foul play or unusual circumstances;
- Recovery of submerged bodies during waterborne death investigations;
- Recovery of submerged lost or stolen property, including vehicles, vessels, or aircraft;
- Apprehension of suspects who have entered a body of water for the purpose of evading arrest, or where the suspect has isolated themselves and personnel need to traverse water to approach;
- The waterborne transport of operational Department personnel or resources;
- For any breach of a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power reservoir or water storage facility.
- Land-based metal detector searches typically conducted during a search for ballistics evidence but may also be used to search for weapons or any other metallic evidence; or
- Searches or evidence recovery that are unconventional in nature and / or may require specialized equipment or expertise. These do not need to be water related.

The MOT is also available for presentations at training days, roll calls, community meetings, open houses and other events.

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All requests for MOT deployment should be directed to the Metropolitan Division Desk at (213) 352-4700.

Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the Officer in Charge, Maritime Operations Team, at (213) 949-2496, or Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 352-4700.

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