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TO: All Geographic Bureau Commanding Officers

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: REVISED - MINIMUM PATROL UNITS UPDATE

It is the expectation of the Office of Operations that each geographic Area deploy their Patrol Plan at full capacity. To ensure rapid response to emergencies, provide consistent public visibility, and bolster officer safety, each geographic Area should prioritize staffing patrol first. While it is understood that deployment levels may fluctuate and occasionally fall below optimal, the defined minimums shall be maintained.

Maintaining a minimum number of patrol units is critical to effectively provide services to the residents of Los Angeles and to ensure sufficient units are available to respond to an emergency. It is imperative that Area watch commanders take the necessary steps to meet these minimums. The attached table establishes the number of A or X cars necessary to meet the patrol unit minimums for each Area. If the actual number of units deployed during a watch drops below the minimums established in the table, then watch commanders shall immediately notify their commanding officer and implement established protocols such as, but not limited to, activating specialized units to handle calls for service, holding units over from the previous watch, and/or calling in off-duty personnel to voluntarily work on an overtime basis.

Watch commanders and assistant watch commanders are reminded that these procedures are to be followed in response to deficiencies in staffing resulting from deployment only. In the event of an unusual occurrence or a priority radio call backlog, personnel shall be guided by the Emergency Operations Guide and Operational Order No. 5, *FIELD UNIT SELECTION SEQUENCE AND PRIORITY RADIO CALL BACKLOG - TACTICAL ALERT GUIDELINES – REVISED*, dated November 15, 2017.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.

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Attachment

Geographic Area
Minimum Patrol Units
(Quarter 4 Patrol Plan effective 10/19/2025)

Per the Director, Office of Operations, the numbers of units (A or X) in the table below are absolute minimums. If the number of units falls below this minimum, Watch Commanders shall immediately notify their Commanding Officers and bolster patrol by implementing established protocols such as, but not limited to, holding units over from the previous watch, activating specialized units, and/or calling in off-duty personnel on an overtime basis.

	Watch 2 Minimum	**Watch 4 Minimum**	**Watch 5/7 Minimum**	**Watch 3 Minimum**
OCB				
Central	7	2	2	6
Hollenbeck	7	2	2	7
Newton	8	2	2	8
Northeast	9	2	2	9
Rampart	6	2	2	6
OSB				
77th	9	2	2	8
Harbor	7	2	2	6
Southeast	8	2	2	7
Southwest	8	2	2	7
OWB				
Hollywood	6	2	2	6
Olympic	6	2	2	6
Pacific	6	2	2	6
West LA	6	3	2	7
Wilshire	6	2	2	6
OVB				
Devonshire	9	2	2	8
Foothill	6	2	2	6
Mission	10	2	2	9
North Hollywood	6	2	2	5
Topanga	7	2	2	6
Van Nuys	5	2	2	5
West Valley	7	2	2	7

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Geographic Area
Minimum Patrol Units Comparison

AREAS	Watch 2 Minimums			Watch 4 Minimums			Watch 5/7 Minimums			Watch 3 Minimums		
	Current	Q4, 2025 @ 7/40	+/-	Current	Q4, 2025 @ 7/40	+/-	Current	Q4, 2025 @ 7/40	+/-	Current	Q4, 2025 @ 7/40	+/-
OCB												
Central	6	7	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
Hollenbeck	6	7	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	7	1
Newton	8	8	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	8	8	0
Northeast	9	9	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	9	9	0
Rampart	5	6	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	5	6	1
OSB												
77th	8	9	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	8	1
Harbor	6	7	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
Southeast	8	8	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	7	0
Southwest	8	8	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	7	0
OWB												
Hollywood	6	6	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
Olympic	6	6	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	5	6	1
Pacific	7	6	-1	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
West LA	7	6	-1	3	3	0	2	2	0	8	7	-1
Wilshire	6	6	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
OVB												
Devonshire	9	9	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	8	8	0
Foothill	8	6	-2	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	6	-1
Mission	8	10	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	8	9	1
North Hollywood	6	6	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	5	5	0
Topanga	7	7	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	6	6	0
Van Nuys	5	5	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	5	5	0
West Valley	7	7	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	7	0