

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 4

May 21, 2008

SUBJECT: BLUECHECK WIRELESS FINGERPRINT READER - ACTIVATED

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

PURPOSE: The Department, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, has acquired a limited number of wireless fingerprint readers called BlueCheck Mobile for use by field officers. These devices are manufactured by Cogent Systems Incorporated and will be issued by Information and Communications Services Bureau (ICSB). This Order activates the use of BlueCheck Mobile.

PROCEDURE: The BlueCheck Mobile is designed to transmit fingerprint inquiries via Bluetooth to the in-car Mobile Digital Computer (MDC). The Mobile Digital Computer will utilize existing communication services to access the Los Angeles Fingerprint Identification System to check against those persons in the database who have been processed within the Los Angeles County system for a fingerprint match.

An inquiry takes approximately 90 seconds to complete. The BlueCheck Mobile will generate different audible tones for a positive identification (Hit) and a negative identification (No Hit). In addition, these results will also be displayed on the MDC. The information returned for a positive identification will include a name the individual was booked under, booking photo, MAIN Number, and Criminal Investigation and Identification Number, when available.

I. EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES. All employees shall adhere to the following guidelines when utilizing the BlueCheck Mobile:

- * Only Officers that have been trained by ICSB shall deploy the BlueCheck Mobile;
- * Officers shall check the BlueCheck Mobile in/out at start of watch and end of watch at Area/division Kit Rooms;
- * Officers shall enter the disposition of identification request in the appropriate field on the MDC; and,
- * Officers shall document the circumstances of the BlueCheck Mobile use in any related reports (e.g., Arrest Report or Release From Custody Arrest Report).

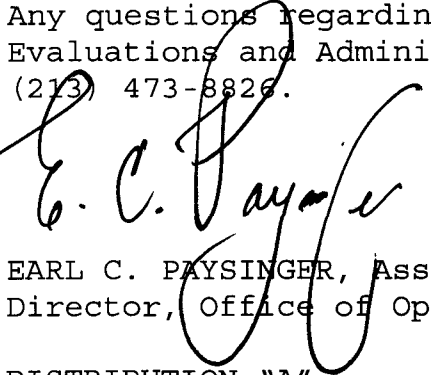
Note: Use of BlueCheck Mobile shall be limited to identification purposes only during a consensual encounter, reasonable suspicion to detain, or probable cause to arrest. Specific consent to submit to a BlueCheck Mobile inquiry must be obtained during a consensual encounter.

II. SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBILITY. Supervisors shall ensure that proper check-in/out procedures are followed as outlined in this Order.

III. WATCH COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. Each Area/division watch commander shall:

- * Ensure compliance with protocols established in this Order;
- * Ensure related reports articulate the use of BlueCheck Mobile; and,
- * Ensure any lost, stolen, or damaged BlueCheck Mobile is properly documented and ICSB is notified as soon as practical.

Any questions regarding this Order should be directed to Evaluations and Administrative Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 473-8826.



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