

## CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

### NOTICE 1.8

February 10, 2021

**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL APPEARANCES AT CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION PAROLE  
ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS AND SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

**PURPOSE:** Individuals charged with murder, rape, robbery, or any other serious violent felony crime may be referred to the California Superior Court for post-conviction sentencing and/or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) for parole eligibility hearings. The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) has a long-standing practice of providing support for victims of crime and their families throughout the criminal justice process. Department investigators build trust with the community and are seen as a source of support for victims and their families. This is an essential component for not only solving crimes, but for ensuring criminal cases come to a successful resolution. The presence of Department employees at these proceedings provides a bridge between the victims, their families, and the criminal justice system. Furthermore, the liaison provided, bolsters the trust and confidence the community has in the criminal justice system.

**PROCEDURE:** The Department's expectations of its personnel are defined within our Core Values. Service to our Communities and Reverence for the Law support our position that Department employees provide ongoing support and compassion to victims of crime and their families at every step of the criminal justice process. During judicial proceedings, Department employees have the ability to offer unique insight into the investigations and articulate the potential threat to the community should an individual be released. Department subject matter experts also have the ability to provide the California Superior Court or CDCR Parole Hearing Board information regarding the seriousness of the crime, as well as its impact on the victim, their families and the community at large.

Note: Any California Superior Court or CDCR Parole eligibility hearing involving violent crimes against police officers shall be referred to Robbery Homicide Division (RHD) for appropriate action.

This Notice is not intended to supersede any existing Department policy requiring the Department to comply with discovery requests or any existing requirements for attendance at pre-conviction or sentencing hearing.

All Department employees receiving a request to attend or submit written documentation for a California Superior Court or CDCR Parole eligibility hearing shall notify their commanding officer and request approval. Any request to submit a written letter of support or correspondence shall be completed using official Department letterhead. The involved Department employee's commanding officer shall review and approve any correspondence and maintain a copy of any documents submitted on behalf of the Department.

Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Detective Bureau at (213) 486-7000.



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