

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 1

January 14, 2009

SUBJECT: CITY PROPERTY INVOLVED TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

The Department investigates over 50,000 traffic collisions a year, with many involving City property. The intent of this Notice is to review Department policy and procedures concerning Department Manual Sections 4/410 through 4/440, regarding an officer's responsibilities when handling a City property involved (CPI) traffic collision.

A traffic collision involves CPI when one or more of the following is involved:

- * A City employee acting within the scope of employment;
- * There is damage to property owned, maintained, or contracted by the City; and,
- * Any possibility of City liability resulting from the actions of any involved party being influenced by City property or a City employee acting within the scope of employment.

A traffic collision report shall be completed on all CPI collisions.

The first officer to arrive at the scene of a traffic collision shall, if necessary, summon an ambulance; if necessary, render first aid; and protect involved vehicles, personal property, and persons using the traffic way.

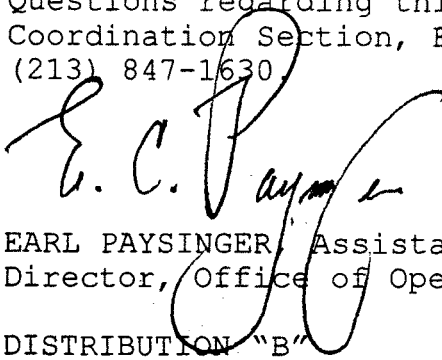
Note: The Specialized Collision Investigation Detail shall be requested when any City vehicle is involved in a fatal or serious injury traffic collision, including CPI by influence; and any fatal collision that may result in a felony prosecution or any major unusual traffic occurrence that is beyond the investigating officer's expertise.

A Class I Traffic Report shall be completed when a collision involves a death, serious injury, CPI vehicles, and/or a possibility of City liability. An officer investigating a CPI traffic collision shall take photographs depicting damage or lack of damage, and other pertinent details; complete reports; and notify the Liability Section, City Attorney's Office, when a person, other than a City employee, is injured. If the Liability Section is closed, the City Hall operator shall transfer the call to the designated on-call City Attorney.

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Note: When an officer does not have a camera, a Collision Investigation Unit shall be requested to take photographs.

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1630.


EARL PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

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OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 2

January 15, 2009

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT AS THE AREA
COMMAND INSPECTION LIAISON OFFICER**

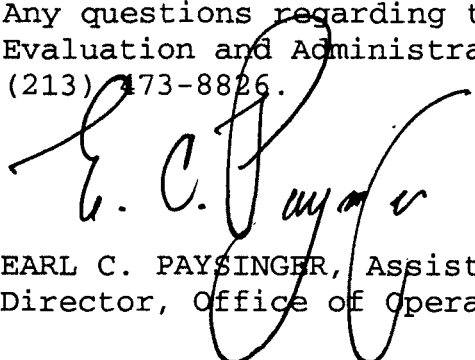
EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

Effective immediately, the Special Assistant, Office of Operations, shall serve as the Area Command Inspection Liaison Officer.

A formal inspection of a command is conducted to ensure adherence to the Department's uniform, safety equipment, and grooming standards, along with assessing the care, maintenance, availability, and serviceability of the Department's facilities and equipment.

In order to provide for a successfully planned event, the Special Assistant is available to the Area commanding officers to provide guidance on inspection procedures, including rehearsals, and protocol for guests and community representatives. The Special Assistant is also available to assist in scheduling arrangements with the Office of the Chief of Police.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 473-8826.



EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

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OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 3

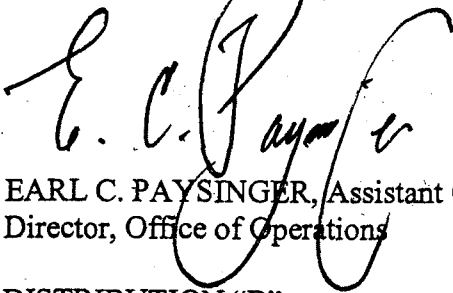
January 15, 2009

**SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 26.01 - BICYCLE LICENSE**

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

The Los Angeles City Council is currently considering recommendations to repeal Section 26.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), which makes it illegal to ride a bicycle on the roadway without possessing a bicycle license. As a result, Department personnel are advised that, effective immediately, the infraction of LAMC Section 26.01, "Bicycles - Licenses," shall no longer be enforced or cited until further notice.

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1630.



EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
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OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 4

February 10, 2009

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT POLICY ON THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS - REVISITED

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

This Notice reaffirms Department policy, which mandates that all employees operating or riding in Department vehicles shall wear the three-point safety belt when available. The two-point safety belt shall be worn when the three-point safety belt is not provided. Employees operating or riding in a Department vehicle shall ensure that all occupants of the vehicle are using the available safety belts. Employees may refer to Department Manual Section 4/289, "Safety Belts in Department Vehicles."

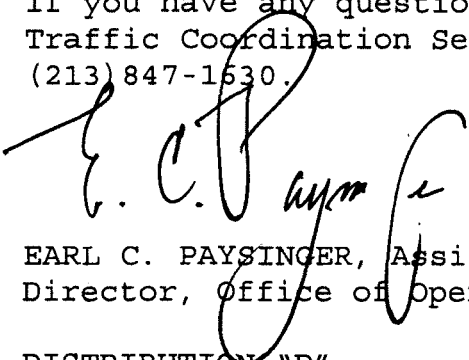
Note: When a potentially dangerous tactical situation is perceived or anticipated, the safety belt may be removed to allow adequate time for the safe response to the situation.

The use of safety belts saves lives and reduces injuries.

In conclusion:

- * All employees are reminded that Department policy mandates the use of safety belts by drivers and passengers in a Department vehicle;
- * Officers investigating employee-involved traffic collisions shall document safety belt usage, the occupant's injuries, and vehicle damage in the traffic collision report; and,
- * Employees will be held accountable if not wearing a safety belt if photographed while on-duty by a Photo Red Light camera, per California Vehicle Code Section 21455.5.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1530.



EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 5

April 3, 2009

SUBJECT: OVERTIME REDUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

This Notice establishes limitations on Department budgetary resources and the need to constantly evaluate expenditures. Recommendations have been made in order to maximize the efficiency of overtime usage. In the Department's continuous effort to properly manage the overtime budget, two committees were created in order to examine and improve existing processes. The first committee was formed to examine the issues of court-related overtime usage. The second committee was formed to examine end-of-watch overtime. Area commanding officers are strongly encouraged to review the recommendations of the two committees and implement those which they believe would assist in managing their overtime budgets.

PROCEDURE:

I. COURT-RELATED OVERTIME COSTS - RECOMMENDATIONS.

The issue of court-related overtime costs has historically plagued the Department. Recommendations put forth to assist in the reduction of overtime in relation to court are as follows:

- * Officers are responsible for transporting photographic evidence to court and are currently required to return the photographs at the conclusion of court at the end of the day. Under the new recommendations, officers shall return the evidence to the Subpoena Control Officer (SCO) on their next regularly-scheduled work day;
- * Subpoena Control Officers should regularly contact the respective Deputy District Attorney to have unneeded officers released when three or more officers are subpoenaed for the same case;
- * Area/division commanding officers are encouraged to conduct semi-annual audits to assess the Police Data Worksheet that is utilized by the District Attorney's Office to ensure its proper use. The worksheet shall be compared with the list of officers actually subpoenaed for each case; and,
- * Commanding officers should choose the most qualified individuals for the SCO position with their days off mirroring that of the courts. A secondary SCO with equal credentials should be in place in the event the primary SCO is not available.

II. END-OF-WATCH OVERTIME COSTS - RECOMMENDATIONS.

The primary causal factors for excess usage of end-of-watch overtime were deficient systems and/or operational practices within many Area and specialized unit commands that contribute to a lack of oversight and accountability. Recommendations to address these issues include:

- * All Areas/divisions are encouraged to implement a system of operational practice to identify and reduce end-of-watch overtime. The attached matrix can be utilized to track the cause of overtime and allows a supervisor to intervene. The matrix will also assist the supervisor in estimating the amount of time required for officers to complete tasks which require them to work past their scheduled end of watch and to justify any extensions. These overtime matrices should be retained and can be examined at a future date in order to determine the major causes of overtime and allow the Department to evaluate and make modifications, if necessary; and,
- * The "Drop-n-Go" booking system/philosophy should be implemented by Areas/divisions whenever there is sufficient staffing of front desk personnel. Patrol watch commanders should assess front desk operations to ensure service to the community and station security is not diminished due to implementing this system.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213)473-8826.



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Director, Office of Operations

Attachment

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END-OF-WATCH OVERTIME SLIP				
OFFICERS			UNIT/WATCH	
NAME:		SERIAL #:		
NAME:		SERIAL #:		
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)				
ARREST ___ BOOKING ___ TRANS ___ REPORTS ___ M.T. ___ OTHER ___ RADIO CALL ___ FIELD ___				
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
<u>ACTIONS TAKEN TO MINIMIZE OVERTIME</u>				
OFFICER'S CONTACT NUMBER _____				
<u>NOTES</u>				
<u>ESTIMATED END OF WATCH</u>				
CHECK IN	W/C	W/C	W/C	W/C
 	 	 	 	
 	 	 	 	

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OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 6

April 6, 2009

SUBJECT: PARKING ENFORCEMENT FOR THE 2009 GENERAL ELECTION

EFFECTIVE: MAY 19, 2009

The General Municipal Election will be held on May 19, 2009. The Election Division, Office of the City Clerk, will be deploying ten motor homes throughout the City of Los Angeles. The motor homes will be used as Mobile Operational Polling Places (MOPP) on election day when a designated polling location cancels at the last minute. The Mobile Operational Polling Place units are driven to the problem site and parked on the street in front of the location, thereby allowing for curbside voting at essentially the same location. Notably, the MOPP units are also accessible to disabled voters.

To assist in the deployment of the MOPP units, the Election Division has requested that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) temporarily suspend non-safety parking enforcement, including parking meters, in the vicinity where the MOPP units are parked between 0700 and 2200 hours, on election day. This is to ensure that citizens have unrestricted access to their polling place.

The Los Angeles Police Department has been requested to extend the same courtesy at those polling locations and refrain from issuing parking citations at the locations where these MOPP units are stationed.

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 847-1630.



EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

DISTRIBUTION "B"

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 7

April 24, 2009

**SUBJECT: PROTOCOL FOR DECLARING A TACTICAL ALERT/MODIFIED
 TACTICAL ALERT**

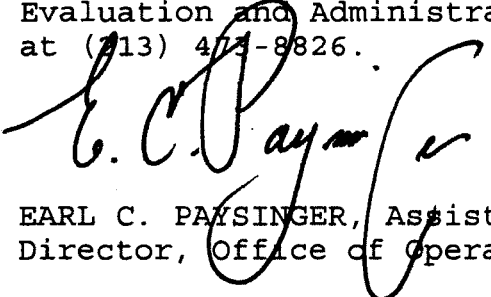
EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

The purpose of declaring a Tactical Alert is to notify personnel of all or selected Areas to the possibility of personnel redistribution, announce the existence of a major police incident, provide a personnel reserve which can be used by the concerned Area(s) in the control of an incident, control the depletion of field forces, and discourage uncontrolled voluntary response to the scene of a major police incident.

This Notice is to remind Department personnel that a Tactical Alert or Modified Tactical Alert may be declared on a Citywide, bureau-wide, or multi-Area scale during an Unusual Occurrence. A tactical alert does not need to be declared Citywide before being modified in scale. A Modified Tactical Alert achieves the same objectives as a Tactical Alert, without the "police work of major importance" response restrictions. When initiating a tactical alert, every attempt should be made to begin at the lowest scale the situation allows and upgrade when necessary, in order to avoid unnecessarily holding personnel over.

Department procedures for declaring a Tactical Alert are located in Volume One of the Emergency Operations Guide (EOG). Department personnel may refer to the EOG for further information regarding tactical alerts.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (713) 474-8826.



EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

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OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS NOTICE NO. 8

April 30, 2009

SUBJECT: NEW LEGISLATION FOR 2008/2009

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

This Notice provides a summary of new state legislation that took effect in 2008 and will take effect in 2009. The following are highlights of legislation that could potentially affect Department operations. Department personnel are highly encouraged to review these highlights and reference the specific code for details.

Penal Codes (PC)

PC Section (§) 146 (g) Solicitations/Disclosures - Added. A misdemeanor for a peace officer, law enforcement employee, attorney or trial court employee to sell any investigative information, including photographs or video taken inside a law enforcement facility or court facility.

PC §241 Assault - Amended. A misdemeanor to assault an on-duty parking control officer.

PC §273 (i) Crimes Against Children - Added. Any person who publishes any information, including on the internet, which contains descriptions of children, their location, or where they may be found, with the intent of another person to use that information to commit a crime against a child, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

PC §290 Sex Offender Registration Act - Amended. Separates PC §290 into 23 subsections which require timely registration for various categories of offenders.

PC §350 Counterfeit: Trademarks - Amended. This amendment relates to a corporation willfully manufacturing, intentionally selling, or knowingly possessing for sale any counterfeit registered trademark. The term "corporation" has been changed to "business entity," which includes a corporation, limited liability, or partnership.

PC §379 Sale or Distribution of Salvia Divinorum - Added. Selling, distributing, dispensing, furnishing, or administering Salvia Divinorum or Salvinorin A to any person under 18 years of age is a misdemeanor.

PC §466 Burglary Tools - Amended. Bump keys are added to the list of burglary tools.

PC §487 (i) Property Crimes: Public Housing Authority - Added. Anyone who defrauds a housing program or a public housing authority of more than \$400 is guilty of grand theft.

PC §496 (e) Theft: Fire Hydrant Parts - Added. Any person who buys or receives stolen fire hydrant parts or fire department connections for salvage, and knows or should have known the item was stolen, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

PC §626 Crime: School Zones - Amended. School safe zones are extended from 1000 feet to 1500 feet. Additionally, the prohibition to loitering within a safe school zone or a public park, playground, or youth center is extended to registered sex offenders. Private schools are included in the definition of "school."

PC §626.10 Crime: Weapons - Amended. The bill expands current prohibitions to bring or possess a less lethal weapon or stun gun on a public or private college or university and expands the definition of a public place to include a public or private college/university.

PC §653 (m) Criminal Communications - Amended. Contacting a person at any place with an electronic communication device with the intent to annoy is a misdemeanor.

PC §653.2 Threats with Electronic Devices - Amended. Anyone who places someone in fear through means of an electronic device, ultimately causing unwanted contact, injury, or harassment by a third party, distributes identifying information likely to incite or produce that unlawful action is guilty of a misdemeanor.

PC §1203.017 Involuntary Home Detention - Added. Effective 9/26/07. Establishes an involuntary home detention program.

PC §3003 Sex Offenders - Amended. Sexual violent predators are subject to 35-mile placement restrictions from the residence of a victim or witness.

PC §11165.5, 11165.6 Child Abuse - Amended. Adds "death" to the existing definition of child abuse or neglect.

PC §12001.1 Undetectable Knives - Amended. Adds to the provision the term "exports out of this state" or exposes for commercial, dealer, wholesaler, or distributor sale and is a misdemeanor.

PC §12556 Imitation Firearms - Amended. This bill makes it illegal to openly display or expose an imitation firearm in a public place, including public schools.

PC §12020.1 Dangerous Weapons - Amended. Adds composite knuckles and hard wooden knuckles to the provision.

Vehicle Codes (VC)

VC §2818 Highway Safety - Amended. This amendment makes it unlawful to traverse an electronic beacon pattern.

VC §5201 License Plates (Amended), §5201.1 (Added). Unlawful to use any device that would obstruct or impair the reading or recognition of a license plate. An infraction to sell same.

VC §12810.3 Wireless Communication Devices - Amended. This amendment prohibits writing, reading, and sending text while driving. Emergency services professionals are exempt while operating an authorized emergency vehicle in the course of duties.

VC §12814.6 Public Health - Amended. An officer is not permitted to stop a vehicle solely to determine if the driver is in violation: (it is an infraction for) a person to smoke in a vehicle containing a minor [Health & Safety Code §118948 (a)].

VC §21201 Bicycle Safety - Amended. During darkness, a cyclist is required to use an illuminated lamp and certain specified reflecting devices while on sidewalks, highways or bikeways.

VC §21714 Motorcycles - Amended. Drivers may not ride motorcycles on or adjacent to the striping of adjacent traffic lanes, nor between two or more vehicles travelling in adjacent traffic lanes.

VC §22450 Railroad Crossings - Amended. This section requires that a driver approaching a railroad grade crossing shall stop at the limit line, if marked, or before crossing the first track or entrance to the grade crossing.

VC §22651 Vehicle Removal: Unlicensed Dealer - Amended. A peace officer has the authority to impound a vehicle when issuing a citation to a person acting as a dealer, manufacturer, or transporter without a valid license for a vehicle that is being offered for sale.

VC §22651 Vehicle Removal: Rest Area/Viewpoint - Amended. Peace officers have the authority to remove a vehicle parked within a rest area or viewpoint if it has been sitting for more than eight hours. Commercial vehicles may be removed after ten hours.

VC §22651 Vehicle Removal: Impoundment - Amended. Provides two additional instances for vehicle impoundment: **a fraudulent license plate or a fraudulent vehicle registration.**

22651(1) VC. When a vehicle is found or operated upon a highway, public land, or an off-street parking facility under the following circumstances:

(A) With a registration expiration date in excess of six months before the date it is found or operated on the highway, public lands, or the off-street parking facility.

(B) Displaying in, or upon, the vehicle, a registration card, identification card, temporary receipt, license plate, special plate, registration sticker, device issued pursuant to Section 4853, or permit that was not issued for that vehicle, or is not otherwise lawfully used on that vehicle under this code.

(C) Displaying in, or upon, the vehicle, an altered, forged, counterfeit, or falsified registration card, identification card, temporary receipt, license plate, special plate, registration sticker, device issued pursuant to Section 4853, or permit.

22651 (2) VC. When a vehicle described in paragraph (1) is occupied, only a peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, may remove the vehicle.

22651 (3) VC. For the purposes of this subdivision, the vehicle shall be released to the owner or person in control of the vehicle only after the owner or person furnishes the storing law enforcement agency with proof of current registration and a currently valid driver's license to operate the vehicle.

VC §23109.2 Reckless Driving and Speed Contests - Repealed and Added. Vehicles may be removed/seized if the driver is engaged in reckless driving on a highway, in an off-street parking lot, or an exhibition of speed on a highway.

VC §23123 Wireless Phone and Mobile Service - Amended. Effective 7/1/2008. Adult drivers may use cell phones with headsets while driving. Minors may not use cell phones while driving.

An officer may not stop a vehicle solely to determine if the driver is a minor. (Exceptions include: emergencies, i.e., an emergency call to a law enforcement, health care provider, fire department or other emergency service agency/entity.)

VC §26708 Windshield: GPS Device - Amended. A portable Global Positioning System (GPS), mounted in the lower left or right of a driver's windshield window is exempt from existing law on GPS devices on windshields.

Health and Safety Codes (H&S)

H&S §11055 Controlled Substances - Amended. Khat and Cathinone are added to the list of Schedule II controlled substances. Unlawful possession of either of these substances is a misdemeanor.

H&S §11377 Controlled Substances - Amended. Cathine is added to the list of Schedule IV controlled substances. Unlawful possession of this substance is a misdemeanor.

H&S §121060 Involuntary Testing of Arrestees - Amended. This section authorizes the court to order the blood withdrawal from an arrestee to test for communicable diseases when a peace officer, firefighter, or medical personnel is exposed to an arrestee's blood or bodily fluids.

Welfare and Institutions Codes (WIC)

WIC §15610.30 Elder Abuse: Financial - Added. Taking or assisting in the taking of real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult is added to the definition of financial abuse.

WIC §15630 Elder Abuse: Reporting - Amended. This bill requires a local ombudsperson or the local law enforcement agency to immediately report cases of known or suspected physical abuse in a long-term facility, which includes sexual abuse and financial abuse, to the local district attorney's office in the county where the abuse occurred.

Miscellaneous Codes

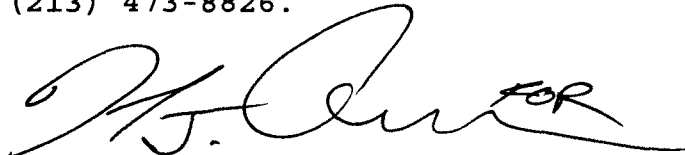
Civil Code §1798.79 Privacy of Identification Documents - Added. Any person or entity that reads a person's identification document using radio frequency identification without that person's knowledge or consent is subject to penalty.

April 30, 2009

Fish and Games Code §10514 Games Refuges - Amended. Law enforcement officers are given authorization to enter game refuges during the scope of their duties.

Insurance Code §557.5 Peace Officer: Accidents - Amended. Peace officers are not required to notify their personal insurance companies when they are involved in an accident in a leased employment vehicle during the scope of their duties.

Any questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Captain William Scott, Special Assistant, Office of Operations, at (213) 473-8826.

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EARL C. PAYSINGER, Assistant Chief
Director, Office of Operations

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