

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

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TO: All Concerned Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF SURGEON POSITION - ESTABLISHED

This Notice is to advise all personnel of the establishment of a new Chief Surgeon position, appointed by the Chief of Police, to serve as the primary coordinator of emergency medical programs for officers injured in the line of duty and emergency medical and first aid training programs for LAPD personnel.

Background

Each day, LAPD officers risk their lives to protect and serve the communities of Los Angeles and it is our organization's obligation to ensure that officers who are seriously injured in the line of duty receive the best medical care and attention.

In addition, the LAPD has several programs designed to provide emergency medical care to an injured officer including certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) in Metropolitan Division, first aid and CPR training as well as a historically strong and steadfast partnership with the paramedics and EMTs of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The appointment of a new Chief Surgeon will ensure that officers injured in the line of duty will receive the best medical care and that the Department's critical life-saving programs continue to improve with the advanced training and expertise necessary to save lives and prevent serious injuries.

Chief Surgeon

Effective immediately, the position of Chief Surgeon is established to perform the following functions:

- Serve as the Department's medical expert and coordinator for emergency medical programs within the Department, as designated by the Chief of Police;
- Serve as the primary medical liaison with other governmental agencies including the Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency;
- Serve as the primary medical liaison between the Department and emergency medical personnel when an officer is seriously injured in the line of duty;

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- Assist an officer and the officer's family in communicating with emergency medical personnel, including paramedics, nurses, physicians, surgeons, and other medical professionals, when an officer is hospitalized for a serious on-duty medical injury;
- Advise the Chief of Police and Department on emergency medical issues affecting Department personnel and the Department's emergency medical programs and responsibilities;
- Advise the Chief of Police and Department on emerging trends and current best practices regarding emergency medical programs; and,
- Provide expertise and assistance to Police Sciences and Training Bureau regarding training programs involving emergency medical care.

Qualifications

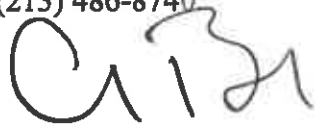
The Chief Surgeon shall:

- Be a licensed physician in the State of California with Board Certifications;
- Have substantial professional experience in emergency medicine and trauma care; and,
- Be an active Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Police Officer (Level 1, 2 or 3) in good standing.

Chain of Command

The Chief Surgeon shall report to the Chief of Police or the Chief's staff-officer designee.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, contact the Office of the Chief of Staff, at (213) 486-8740



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Chief of Police

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