

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: MENTAL EVALUATION UNIT CONTACT DOCUMENTATION - REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to revise the documentation requirements for calls for service involving persons suspected of mental illness. Department personnel are required to contact the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) upon detention and/or arrest of persons with mental illness. Prior directives required officers to include detailed documentation of their contact with MEU, which was then mirrored in the MEU report. See Department Manual Section 4/260.20, *Taking Persons with a Mental Illness Into Custody*.

Effective immediately, when it is determined that an indication of mental illness exists and MEU is contacted, Department personnel shall only be required to include the MEU Report Number in the incident comment section of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) or Daily Field Activity Report (DFAR) to cross-reference the MEU report with their incident. No additional reference to the MEU contact is necessary in the CAD summary or DFAR.

Department personnel are still mandated to use one of the following four mental illness-related incident disposition codes to clear all incidents dispatched as involving a person suspected of mental illness, or to clear any incident, which upon investigation, officers determine to involve a person suspected of mental illness:

- **ARM – Arrest, Indication of Mental Illness.** Subject arrested for a crime, and exhibits indication of mental illness;
- **HOM – Hospitalized/Hold, Indication of Mental Illness.** Subject met California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 (5150 WIC) hold criteria and was hospitalized;
- **REM – Referral, Indication of Mental Illness.** Subject exhibits signs of mental illness, but does not meet requirement for a hold or arrest, and/or subject was released with referral advice; or,
- **NMI – No Indication of Mental Illness.** Subject does not exhibit any indication of mental illness.

As a reminder, officers shall not use “**OCC – Officer Completed Call,**” or other standard disposition codes to clear any calls dispatched as involving mental illness. See Operations Order No. 8, *Incident Disposition Codes for Incidents Involving Persons Suspected of Mental Illness – Revised*, dated May 16, 2007.

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If there are any questions, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section,
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