

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE
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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: DAILY DEPLOYMENT OF BALLISTIC SHIELDS

Last year, the Department approved the use of the ASPIS X Level III ballistic shield for field operations. Each Area was provided with five ballistic shields which are available for checkout from the Area kitroom. Effective immediately, watch commanders shall ensure that at least one ballistic shield is checked out by a field unit (officer or supervisor) during each patrol watch. Additionally, the Area gang enforcement detail supervisor shall ensure that at least one ballistic shield is checked out by gang enforcement personnel (officer or supervisor) during all field operations.

As a reminder, Department personnel are required to successfully complete Department approved training (e.g., Ballistic Shield Operators Course) prior to utilizing the ballistic shield on-duty. If sufficient personnel within the Area are not trained in the use of the ballistic shield, the Training Coordinator should schedule personnel to attend the training course.

Training Coordinators shall prioritize ballistic shield training as essential training and ensure that field personnel within their Area are scheduled for the course.

Any deviation from this Notice due to insufficient personnel being trained in the deployment of the ballistic shield should be indicated in the Watch Commander's Daily Report, Form 15.80.00, along with documentation that Area Training Coordinators were notified of this deficiency.

Should you have questions, please contact the Evaluation and Administration Section, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-6050.



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