

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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**TO:** All Geographic Bureau Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Director, Office of Operations

**SUBJECT:** MINIMUM PATROL UNITS

Maintaining a minimum number of patrol units is critical to effectively provide services to the residents of Los Angeles and to ensure sufficient units are available to respond to an emergency. It is imperative that Area watch commanders take the necessary steps to meet these minimums. The attached table establishes the number of A or X cars necessary to meet the patrol unit minimums for each Area. If the actual number of units deployed during a watch dips below the minimums established in the table, then watch commanders shall immediately notify their commanding officers and bolster patrol by implementing established protocols such as, but not limited to, activating specialized units to handle calls for service, holding units over from the previous watch, and/or calling in off-duty personnel to voluntarily work on an overtime basis.

**Note:** Watch commanders and assistant watch commanders should take into consideration which personnel have regular days off, court subpoenas, or vacation days scheduled for the following day when selecting personnel.

Watch commanders and assistant watch commanders are reminded that these procedures are to be followed in response to deficiencies in staffing resulting from deployment only. In the event of an unusual occurrence or a priority radio call backlog, personnel shall be guided by the Emergency Operations Guide and Operational Order No. 5, *FIELD UNIT SELECTION SEQUENCE AND PRIORITY RADIO CALL BACKLOG - TACTICAL ALERT GUIDELINES - REVISED*, dated September 15, 1999.

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



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Attachment

**Geographic Area**  
**Minimum Patrol Units**  
 (Quarter 2 Patrol Plan effective 5/14/2017)

Per the Director, Office of Operations, the numbers of units (A or X) in the table below are absolute minimums. If the number of units falls below this minimum, Watch Commanders shall immediately notify their Commanding Officers and bolster patrol by implementing established protocols such as, but not limited to, holding units over from the previous watch, activating specialized units, and/or calling in off-duty personnel on an overtime basis.

	<b>Watch 2 Minimum</b>	<b>Watch 4 Minimum</b>	<b>Watch 5/7 Minimum</b>	<b>Watch 3 Minimum</b>
<b>OCB</b>				
Central	5	2	2	5
Hollenbeck	6	N/A	2	6
Newton	6	N/A	2	6
Northeast	6	2	2	5
Rampart	6	N/A	3	5
<b>OSB</b>				
77 <sup>th</sup>	7	2	2	8
Harbor	6	N/A	2	6
Southeast	6	2	2	6
Southwest	6	2	2	7
<b>OWB</b>				
Hollywood	6	N/A	3	5
Olympic	5	2	2	4
Pacific	5	2	2	5
West LA	5	2	2	5
Wilshire	5	2	2	4
<b>OVB</b>				
Devonshire	5	3	2	6
Foothill	5	2	2	4
Mission	6	2	2	6
North Hollywood	6	2	2	5
Topanga	5	2	2	5
Van Nuys	5	2	2	5
West Valley	5	2	2	5