

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE

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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: NIGHT WATCH DETECTIVE DEPLOYMENT AND FUNCTIONS

The Department recognizes that investigations benefit tremendously from the expertise and insight that detectives can provide to officers who are conducting an at-scene investigation on a complex matter or by providing booking advice for a serious offense. To ensure the continuity of this service to officers and the community, the Office of Operations has historically staffed Night Watch Detectives at Areas.

Effective immediately, all Areas shall ensure that a Night Watch Detective, who is at the paygrade of a detective supervisor, is deployed each day of the deployment period. In the event of an unscheduled absence, the Detective Commanding Officer (CO) assumes responsibility for all of the Night Watch Detective's duties. The Detective CO may delegate this responsibility by deploying another detective supervisor to function as, and cover the regular scheduled hours of, the absent Night Watch Detective. Additionally, to ensure the availability of detective supervisors during the most critical hours, Areas should ensure that the Night Watch Detective does not begin their Start of Watch (SOW) prior to 1500 hours.

Areas shall also ensure Night Watch Detectives fulfill the following functions:

- Respond to critical incidents and those the watch commander identifies as potentially complex;
- Provide booking advice for felony arrests, when the arrest is made after the investigating officer responsible for follow-up is End of Watch (EOW);
- Make investigative expertise available to the watch commander when requested (including providing recommendations for Crime Class (CC) codes);
- When feasible, review crime trends and Investigative Reports taken during night-watch hours to identify any that might benefit from immediate follow-up; and,
- Assist officers, including providing roll-call training, with conducting thorough investigations.

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



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