

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: THREE OR FOUR OFFICER DEPLOYMENT IN A UNIT

The Department's long-standing deployment strategy for officers in the field is two officers per unit. Two officer deployment balances safety and efficiency for officers in the field. Deviation from these basic concepts sometimes occurs due to the fluid and rapidly evolving nature of law enforcement encounters and the environment in which they occur. On occasion, there may be operational necessities to deploy three or four officers in a vehicle. Some examples in which officers may deploy three or four officers in a unit may include:

- Mobile Field Force;
- Training of a new officer in a Gang Enforcement Detail;
- Tactical rescue;
- Responding to a tactical incident; or
- Other justified operational necessity.

When officers are deployed three or four in a unit, all Department operational rules and tactical guidelines remain in effect as they would for a two-person unit, such as avoiding separation (split up) between officers, maintaining adequate communication between officers, and preserving the ability for all officers in the unit to render aid to each other. Officers that are deployed three or four in a unit will be held accountable to these tactical guidelines.

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



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