



TACOPS

ROLL CALL BRIEFING SHEET

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

FOOTBEAT AWARENESS

Assigning officers to conduct footbeats in a designated area is a time-proven directed patrol strategy that is effective in both deterring crime and establishing relationships through personal interactions with our community members. While officers often discuss vehicle related tactics, there are specific tactical considerations that should be considered when walking footbeats including, but not limited to:

- **Consider tactics with your partner prior to the initiation of the footbeat.** Create a plan that includes concepts of Tactical De-escalation, Less-Lethal force options and the roles of contact and cover. Establish your Code-Six location, communicate your follow-up locations and update your status regularly.
Remember: If you request additional resources, it may be more difficult for responding officers to find you without a police vehicle to use as a visual reference.
- **Be aware of your surroundings, in all directions, including up.** Officers may be more vulnerable to hazards from upper floor balconies, windows and rooftops. Also, consider the location where you park your police vehicle as it may be vandalized.
- **Access to and use of equipment may be limited.** Radio frequencies can be disrupted and made inoperable within buildings, parking structures or near other solid barriers. Consequently, communicate your location before entering these areas and update your status when you leave. Be mindful that you will have limited access to your vehicle and equipment, including Less-Lethal force options.
- **Consider your Body Worn Video (BWV).** When officers are walking through a neighborhood, they often exchange friendly greetings or have casual conversations with citizens. These contacts generally do not constitute a situation that requires the activation of BWV.
Remember: Per Department policy, officers who have contact with members of the community during investigative or enforcement actions, shall activate their BWV camera (Office of Chief of Police, Special Order No. 12, date April 28, 2015).



CONCLUSION

Footbeat deployments benefit both the Department and the community. When utilized correctly, footbeats are an effective crime prevention tool that has the potential to reduce a significant amount of crime in a specific area.

Take Care of Each Other and Stay Safe Out There!