

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

NOTICE NO. 27

May 30, 1997

TO: All Personnel, Office of Operations

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY CALLS FOR SERVICE

EFFECTIVE: June 2, 1997

PURPOSE

This Notice becomes effective at 0001 hours on June 2, 1997, and advises officers of the temporary assignment of Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department (MTAPD) calls for service to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Los Angeles Police Department patrol units will respond to MTA-related calls for service during MTAPD's sworn personnel orientation training.

INFORMATION

On July 1, 1997, the MTAPD personnel will merge with the LAPD and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD). The Department will assimilate 60 percent of MTAPD's sworn personnel and the LASD the remaining 40 percent. The responsibility for the policing of the Metro Red Line subway system and all bus operations within the City will be transferred to the Department. The responsibility for the policing of the Blue and Green Line passenger rail systems, as well as all bus routes in Los Angeles County, outside the City, will be transferred to the LASD.

After the merger, MTAPD sworn personnel assigned to the LAPD will receive two months of training in Departmental operations. In preparation for this training, MTAPD personnel, who will transfer to the Department, will attend three days of orientation classes at the Academy. Training Division has scheduled 48 MTAPD officers for each of four three-day sessions to be conducted from early to mid-June 1997. On these training days, the MTAPD deployment will fall below the minimum staffing levels needed to provide adequate police service. The Department has agreed to assist the MTAPD by handling all forwarded MTA-related calls for service during these periods. The MTAPD will deploy all of its remaining available resources on the Metro Red Line, Blue Line and Green Line passenger rail systems.

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The orientation training sessions will be conducted by Training Division on the following dates:

- * June 1, 2, and 4, 1997
- * June 9, 10, and 11, 1997
- * June 16, 17, and 18, 1997
- * June 23, 24, and 25, 1997

On the above dates, Communications Division (CD) has agreed to dispatch forwarded MTA-related calls for service to LAPD patrol units. These calls will be forwarded via landline from the MTAPD Communications Dispatch Center to CD. Priority calls for service will be simulcast to ensure officer safety and a timely response.

PROCEDURE

During the designated time periods, officers assigned MTA-related calls for service shall handle the calls using procedures consistent with exiting Department policy.

Commanding officers shall ensure that roll call and in-service training are provided to Department personnel to ensure that they are prepared to handle MTA-related calls. Questions regarding this Notice and/or other MTA-related matters may be referred to Sergeant Fred Kennerson, Operations-Headquarters Bureau, at (213) 922-3562.



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