

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

OPERATIONAL ORDER NO. 1

March 3, 1999

SUBJECT: OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING BUILDING AND SAFETY INSPECTORS

PURPOSE: The Department of Building and Safety (DBS) is presently engaged in an aggressive, long term effort to address the problems caused by abandoned and/or substandard buildings. These locations will be inspected by DBS personnel from the Contract Nuisance Abatement Section and the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program. On occasion, DBS inspectors encounter trespassers, wanted suspects and criminals in these locations. In order to facilitate DBS inspectors in discharging their duties, the Department has committed to accompanying DBS inspectors to locations where the inspectors' safety may be jeopardized.

This Order establishes the procedures to be followed when a police presence is requested at a location.

PROCEDURE: The DBS has been provided with the telephone numbers for Operations Support Division (OSD) commanding officers and patrol watch commanders. When a DBS inspector believes he or she may encounter a dangerous situation which warrants the presence of a police officer, he/she will contact the OSD commanding officer during normal business hours or the patrol watch commander during non-business hours and request that a police officer(s) accompany the inspector. The OSD commanding officer or patrol watch commander shall assign an officer(s) to accompany the inspector without delay. The OSD commanding officer will include a summary of these requests in their monthly activity report and the patrol watch commander shall document the request in the daily watch commander log.

Any inquiries regarding this program should be directed to the Department Vice/Abatement Coordinator, at (213) 847-4491.

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