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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS



District Attorney Investigators conduct unique, sensitive, and complex investigations in the County of Los Angeles. The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to familiarize officers with the authority and functions of the District Attorney Investigators encountered in the field.

The District Attorney is empowered to employ investigators by the County Government Act of 1897, the Los Angeles County Charter, and the Government Code. District Attorney Investigators carry firearms and have full peace officer authority, equivalent to county deputy sheriffs and city police officers under California Penal Code Section 830.1.

Investigators assigned to the District Attorney Bureau of Investigation primarily provide investigative and trial support to prosecutors and may contact the officers listed as the arresting/reporting officers, victims, or witnesses. They also have jurisdictional responsibilities to investigate local government corruption, complex fraud, organized crime syndicates, computer-related crimes, major county code violations that impact “quality of life” issues, and actively participate in various inter-agency law enforcement task forces.

District Attorney Investigators conduct surveillance operations, and serve arrest or search warrants in the County and City of Los Angeles. District Attorney Investigators may also assist law enforcement agencies with complicated and multi-jurisdictional cases. They can provide special assistance with vehicular and electronic surveillances as well as photographic services.

District Attorney Investigators may dress in suits, casual clothes, or tactical gear depending on their assignment. When serving arrest or search warrants, their policy dictates that investigators dress in a black, full tactical uniform. The vehicles assigned to the District Attorney Investigator's office range from fully-equipped emergency vehicles to undercover and "E" plate vehicles.

District Attorney Investigators may be reached through the District Attorney Command Center which provides a representative of the Los Angeles District Attorney to local law enforcement agencies on a 24-hour basis. Necessary notifications (e.g., officer involved shootings, crimes against peace officers, erroneous releases, in-custody and industrial deaths) can be made to the Command Center. The Command Center also assists with obtaining after-hours search warrants, telephonic warrants, and assistance with legal questions on Probable Cause Declarations.

## **BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

The District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation is charged with the responsibility of conducting investigations under the immediate direction of the Chief of the Bureau of Investigation. The District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation administers the Witness Relocation Program under the direction of the Chief Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County. A duty captain in the District Attorney Bureau of Investigation is designated as coordinator/liason for all law enforcement agencies.

Relocations fall into two categories: Non-Emergent (by appointment) and Emergency Relocation (24/7). For relocation requests, the duty captain may be contacted through the District Attorney Command Center. Relocation authorization can be made telephonically. After receiving telephonic approval, the investigating officer must contact the authorizing captain within five business days and complete a California Witness Relocation Assistance Program application (CalWRAP-1).

The District Attorney Bureau of Investigation is divided into five divisions:

### **Administration Division**

- Administration
- Training
- Internal Affairs
- Background
- Technical Services

### **Criminal Division**

- Witness Assistance
- Central Investigations
- Hardcore Gangs
- Family Violence
- Habeas Corpus Litigation Team (H.A.B.L.I.T)

**Fraud & Corruption Division**

- White Collar Crimes
- Elder Abuse
- Real Estate Fraud
- Consumer Protection
- Environmental Crimes
- High Tech Crimes Investigation
- Computer Forensic Investigations
- Cyber Crimes Investigation & Response Team
- Public Integrity
- Internal Welfare Fraud
- Justice System Integrity

**Specialized Fraud Division**

- Public Assistance Crimes Enforcement
- Auto Insurance Fraud Task Force
- Workers Compensation Fraud
- Fraud Interdiction Program
- Social Security Task Force

**Special Operations Division**

- Code Enforcement
- Operations
- DA Aides
- Command Center
- Child Abduction
- Major & Organized Crimes
- Joint Regional Intelligence Center
- Parole Revocation Unit
- US DEA Task Force
- US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (H.I.D.T.A) Task Force
- Innocence Lost Task Force
- LA Impact
- Sex Crimes Task Force
- Sexually Violent Predator/Stalking

**CONCLUSION**

District Attorney Investigators can be contacted through the Command Center 24-hours, seven days a week at (213) 974-3607 for assistance with investigations, witness relocation, search warrants, or advice.

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