Chapter 6 - Patrol Divisions

• 2-06/000.00 - Patrol Divisions

This chapter outlines the functions, responsibilities and jurisdiction of the four Patrol Divisions.

• 2-06/010.00 - Functions and Responsibilities

These Patrol Divisions are responsible for the performance of the basic police tasks of protecting life and property, preserving the peace, preventing and suppressing crime and the apprehension of violators of the law. Specialized functions are shown in the section governing the general structure of each Patrol Division.

• 2-06/020.00 - Jurisdiction

Divisional operations are carried out in the unincorporated areas of the County and within the geographical boundaries of those incorporated cities which contract with the County for law enforcement services. On request, the Patrol Divisions may provide law enforcement assistance to other incorporated cities in the County.

• 2-06/030.00 - Responsibilities of Sheriff's Stations

Each Station is responsible for the performance of the basic police tasks within its jurisdictional area. Stations which serve contract cities are also responsible for providing the necessary administrative, supervisorial and clerical services required.

Stations perform four basic service functions. These are patrol, traffic, investigation and jail management. The responsibilities in each of these areas are outlined in the following subsections, all of which are supported by internal operations.

• 2-06/030.05 - Patrol Responsibility

Each Station is responsible for the following:

- enforcing Federal, State, County and City statutes and ordinances;
- initial investigation of reported or observed crimes;
- recording and preserving evidence found at the crime scene;
- initial investigation of reports of missing, found or unidentified persons;
- responding to scenes of emergencies;
- arresting on-sight violators;

- recovering property;
- investigating complaints received from the public;
- patrolling to prevent and suppress crime;
- providing assistance to other public agencies pending the elimination of health or safety hazards;
- maintaining law and order at public gatherings;
- preparing reports of incidents investigated or observed;
- maintaining liaison with contract cities concerning their law enforcement programs by personal contact or written reports;
- maintaining a relevant Station-wide community relations program;
- prompt notification to the Unit of this Department and/or outside agency responsible for case assignment and follow-up- investigation;
- notification of arrest information to agency, Department and/or Unit as required by statute or Department policy; and
- maintaining and managing a Type 1 jail facility as specified in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

• 2-06/030.10 - Traffic Responsibility

Stations having contract city law enforcement services to perform are further responsible for the following:

- observing and inspecting drivers, vehicles and roadways;
- supervising traffic movement;
- checking and patrolling hazardous areas;
- arresting or citing traffic violators;
- issuing warnings on minor violations;
- preserving evidence;
- providing traffic information on request;
- preparing traffic incident reports; and
- maintaining liaison with contract cities concerning their traffic programs by means of personal contact or written reports.

• 2-06/030.15 - Investigative Responsibility

Station detectives are responsible for:

- Follow-up investigation of crimes occurring in the station area which are assigned to the station;
- Initial investigation of crimes occurring in the station area which require immediate attention and are assignable to the Detective Division;
- Authorizing the release of vehicles held by the station; and

- Investigating cases involving:
  - Child neglect;
  - Contributing to the delinquency of a minor;
  - Inadequate parental supervision;
  - Missing and found juveniles; and
  - Health and safety hazards.
- Investigating cases involving lost or stolen bicycles and processing found bicycles.

• 2-06/030.20 - Internal Operations Responsibility

Each Station is responsible for the following:

- dispatching of patrol cars and emergency equipment;
- coordinating the activities of field units;
- booking prisoners into the Station jail;
- assigning and supervising Reserve personnel assigned to the Station;
- providing liaison with other government agencies;
- preparing the Station budget;
- maintaining Station personnel records;
- maintaining the physical plant of the Station;
- preparing and distributing reports;
- collecting and depositing bail and fee monies;
- serving and controlling Station assigned warrants; and
- property and evidence accountability.

• 2-06/040.00 - North Patrol Division

This Patrol Division is responsible for the operation of the following Stations:

- Lancaster
- Malibu/Lost Hills
- Palmdale
- Santa Clarita Valley
  - Magic Mountain Office
- West Hollywood
  - Universal Substation

• 2-06/050.00 - Central Patrol Division

This Patrol Division is responsible for the operation of the following Stations:

- Avalon
- Century
- Compton
- East Los Angeles
- Marina Del Rey
- South Los Angeles

• 2-06/060.00 - South Patrol Division

This Patrol Division is responsible for the operation of the following Stations:

- Carson
- Cerritos
- Lakewood
- Lomita
- Norwalk
- Pico Rivera

• 2-06/070.00 - East Patrol Division

This Patrol Division is responsible for the operation of the following Stations:

- Crescenta Valley
- Altadena
- Temple
- Industry
- San Dimas
- Walnut
