

04-004 Patrol Area Integrity

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

Field Operations Support Services



PATROL AREA INTEGRITY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Field Operations Directive is to establish guidelines for police activity initiated outside assigned reporting districts and/or jurisdictional boundaries of the station area by uniformed Sheriff's Department personnel. It does not apply to those arrests/citizen contacts made out of the area where the police activity began in the assigned area.

POLICY

Deputy personnel assigned to a Patrol Division in a uniformed patrol capacity shall devote their full attention to their assigned reporting district(s) unless one of the following situations exists:

- Dispatched to another reporting district or non-contract city.
- An exigency (e.g., assistance, back-up or mutual aid request) requires their response to a non-assigned reporting district or non-contract city.
- Traversing another reporting district or non-contract city en route to or from authorized Sheriff's Department business (e.g., court, transportation of prisoner, etc).
- Involved in an authorized pursuit, Code 9 or surveillance activity.
- Law enforcement activity, such as a traffic stop which begins in the unit's reporting district, but concludes in another reporting district or non-contract city.
- Deputy personnel who observe criminal, or suspicious activity that requires **immediate** law enforcement intervention (such as a felony in progress; a fleeing suspect; or a situation involving a potential threat of death or serious bodily injury).
- Citizen flagdowns where immediate law enforcement intervention is required. In the event the matter is routine in nature, the appropriate agency shall be notified to handle the matter.

Deputy personnel who are absent from their assigned reporting district(s) and unable to justify the necessity of their "out of area" activity are in violation of this policy.

Additionally, deputies who routinely initiate "out of area" activities are in violation of this policy.

Each patrol station Unit Commander shall ensure the routine review of the Deputy Daily Worksheets and monitoring of the frequency of arrests and/or activities that occur outside assigned reporting districts and/or jurisdictional boundaries of the station area.

Problematic areas shall be addressed promptly by the concerned employee's supervisor and actions taken shall be documented by the supervisor in a written memorandum to the Unit Commander.
