93-003 Extraction/Escort Mission

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

FIELD OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

Field Operations Support Services

EXTRACTION/ESCORT MISSION

EXTRACTION MISSIONS

During the early stages of a civil disturbance there is a significant chance that response elements of the fire department will be deployed in the area on missions that began prior to the onset of the problem. The fire department will identify those units in our department's jurisdiction and request that an extraction mission be conducted.

Stations receiving a request for extraction will immediately assign the mission as emergent (CODE 3) to field units to provide security for the fire department elements in the field, and escort them back to their designated staging area, upon completion of that (fire) mission.

ESCORT MISSIONS

When the County Emergency Operations Center is operational, all mission requests for Fire Department escorts will be forwarded to them for assignment. Generally, escort missions will be requested by the Fire Department when responding into the area affected by a civil disturbance. Fire will not attempt to enter those areas that law enforcement feels are unsafe due to the level of violence within the area. This in no way prohibits the fire department from sending additional resources into the area in response to a firefighter requesting assistance call.

Escort missions will be performed by a minimum of two 2 person cars for each deployed fire element. The escort will have one police vehicle leading and one as a rear guard. The police escort will remain with the fire element during their activities and provide security as needed at the event site and then escort the fire personnel back to their staging area.