

LCS Unit Order 21

LANCASTER STATION

UNIT ORDER # 21

APPROVAL TO LEAVE ASSIGNED PATROL AREA

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to establish protocol for patrol personnel, who may need to leave their assigned patrol area or who make an arrest outside their assigned patrol area.

ORDER:

Patrol personnel are assigned a specific patrol area which includes the city of Lancaster, Quartz Hill-Antelope Acres, or Lake Los Angeles. Personnel are expected to patrol and respond to calls for service in their assigned area. Should personnel need to leave their assigned area, they shall first make a request to their field supervisor who shall evaluate the request, then approve or deny the request. This does not include emergencies or life threatening situations.

In situations where the area car is unavailable, the dispatcher may assign a patrol unit to provide coverage, or respond to calls for service, in that area, but must first obtain the concurrence of the watch deputy and the watch sergeant.

While it is not the intent to discourage the aggressive pursuit of law violators, good management of field resources dictate our focus be in our assigned patrol area. If a patrol unit must leave their assigned patrol area, they shall return to the area as soon as possible.
