

LCS Unit Order 78

LANCASTER STATION

UNIT ORDER # 78

ON-CALL DETECTIVE

PURPOSE:

To establish protocol for the on-call after hour detective program.

SCOPE:

All detective personnel assigned to Lancaster Station Detective Bureau.

ORDER:

On-call detectives will handle incidents requiring a detective during hours when no detective is on duty or additional detectives are needed to handle a critical incident.

The on-call detective assignment will require one station detective to be on-call for a seven day period, from midnight Friday to midnight Friday. The number of weeks provided for sign up will be the exact number as the detectives available (32 detectives available, 32 weeks posted for sign up). Detectives will be able to pick their required coverage week based on station seniority in detective bureau (highest to lowest). Detectives will be able to trade coverage days or weeks with other eligible detectives. Detectives will decide if they want to be compensated with overtime, saved time or adjust their work schedule for the same week, if an activation occurs. Detectives will be responsible for finding a replacement and notifying the detective operations sergeant with the replacement detective's information if they are unable to fulfill their on-call detective duties. The on-call detective will maintain a conduit (cell phone, home phone) for contact in the likelihood of an activation, allowing for immediate direct communication or a timely response if an activation message is left.

A request for activation of the on-call detective will be determined by the on-duty watch commander. If the watch commander determines a detective is required, the watch commander or his designee will contact the detective bureau lieutenant for activation approval. If the detective bureau lieutenant determines a detective is required, the assigned on-call detective will be contacted, briefed on the nature of the response, and directed to respond to the station as soon as possible.

If the on-call detective cannot be reached, then station detectives will be called at random until a station detective agrees to respond. The on-call detective will be required to address the detective bureau lieutenant on the next business day as to their inability to be contacted.

Failure to comply with this unit order may result in disciplinary action.
