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• 2005 - 3 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF LASDâ€™S GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for members of **Operation Safe Streets (OSS) Bureau** when conducting necessary law enforcement activities outside the geographical jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all Bureau personnel.

ORDER

The primary mission of OSS Bureau is to enforce the law, reduce gang-related violence, and arrest criminal street gang members for violations occurring within our assigned areas. While we are obligated to take law enforcement action when criminal activity is observed, this does **not** imply actively seeking out criminal activity outside our jurisdiction. However, this does **not** preclude personnel from entering other jurisdictions on mission-specific assignments, such as serving search warrants on identified suspects or conducting information gathering operations.

When it becomes necessary to enter another agency's jurisdiction to conduct a search operation, a Bureau lieutenant shall be present. Additionally, the agency having jurisdiction shall be notified and provided with the name, rank, and contact telephone number of the on-site supervisor.

When law enforcement activity outside of LASD jurisdiction is initiated based upon an observation, a team sergeant will respond and take appropriate action. This may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Releasing the involved individual(s)/suspect(s) with or without a citation
- Requesting that the agency with jurisdiction respond to the scene and transfer custody to that agency.
- Authorizing arrest and transportation of the suspect(s) for booking.

A lieutenant shall be present whenever sworn Bureau personnel conduct operations outside of Los Angeles County if:

- There is potential for taking law enforcement action or making an arrest.
- Operations involve more than just information-gathering through surveillance.
- Search operations are conducted ten (10) miles or more beyond the county border (except for those assessed as lower-risk operations).
- The search operation is expected to result in an evidence seizure valued at $10,000 or more.

All OSS Bureau personnel are expected to perform law enforcement activities within their assigned jurisdiction. Personnel found outside of their designated patrol area without express permission from the arrest team's supervisor, or without a clearly identified emergency, are subject to discipline.

• 2005 - 6 GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES

PURPOSE OF ORDER

To establish guidelines for Bureau personnel when a gang-related homicide occurs.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This applies to all Bureau personnel.

ORDER

Whenever a gang-related homicide occurs, a minimum of two Bureau detectives from the local team shall respond. The Station Watch commander, or the Homicide Bureau shall be responsible for notifying the local Bureau team sergeant. Upon notification, team sergeants shall arrange for appropriate personnel to respond. Additionally, team sergeants shall ensure their respective station's Watch Commander is provided with a current local Bureau team phone roster.

This order pertains to all gang-related homicides, regardless of whether a specific gang is targeted.

• 2009 - 2 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU NOTIFICATIONS

PURPOSE OF ORDER

To establish guidelines for sworn Bureau personnel regarding notifications to the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) during search operations involving suspects wanted for, or suspected of, shooting another person.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all sworn Bureau personnel.

ORDER

When a suspect wanted for, or suspected of shooting another person, (in violation of California Penal Code sections 245(a)(2), 187(a) or 664/187(a)) has not been taken into custody prior to the execution of a search warrant, a Bureau sergeant shall contact an SEB lieutenant for consultation before proceeding with the I search warrant operations.

A consultation is not necessary if an OSS Gang Surveillance Team (GSU) or a Major Crimes Surveillance and Apprehension Team (SAT) apprehends the primary suspect, prior to executing the search warrant.

The purpose of the consultation is to determine whether a Special Weapons Team or a Tactical Entry Team should serve the warrant.

This order does not supersede or replace any of the mandatory notifications listed on the Search Warrant Preparation Check List.

• 2009 - 3 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (MART)

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the appropriate use of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Multi-Agency Response Team (MART) personnel during pre-planned search warrant operations.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all Bureau personnel.

ORDER

The Bureau has collaborated with MART to assist Bureau personnel by responding to child endangerment or neglect incidents encountered during search warrant operations.

This order applies to all pre-planned search warrant operations and in any situation where time allows for a MART investigator to be requested before warrant service. Since the majority of search warrants issued by this Bureau involve firearms or illegal drugs, the following guidelines shall be followed to ensure the safety of minors residing with gang members:

- Advance notification to before a warrant operation is the most effective way of ensuring a rapid response. Team sergeants shall incorporate MART notification into routine pre-service administrative procedures. In cases involving fewer than three locations, MART shall be notified and placed on call or asked to respond at their discretion.

- If, upon service, minors are found in the presence of unsecured firearms, narcotics, or in any condition that poses a threat to their health and safety, a MART investigator shall be asked to respond.

- For operations involving three or more search locations, a MART investigator shall be requested and asked to stage at the command post.

Assistance to DCFS:

- Personnel may be asked to assist DCFS with evidence gathering, such as video or digital photos. Evidence to support DCFS does not fall under the chain of evidence procedures of the Sheriff's Department. Personnel may take additional video and digital photos, not for criminal prosecution, and provide it directly to DCFS workers for Dependency Court.

DCFS Services May Include:

- Taking children into protective custody,

- Formulating a "protective plan" for the family,

- Placing the child with relatives,
- Ordering adult gang members to vacate the home while keeping the family and children in place,
- Monitoring gang families and providing conditional services.

DCFS has lower thresholds for detaining children than law enforcement. Acts of endangerment that rise to the level of a crime must be documented by Bureau personnel in the appropriate first or supplemental report.

Review and Reporting Responsibilities:

- Detectives and sergeants should remain vigilant when reviewing crime reports involving gang-related violence and children.
- If a specific gang residence becomes the target of multiple acts of violence, DCFS personnel should be consulted ~~in order~~ to determine whether or not the children residing at the location are endangered.

A working agreement defining roles and responsibilities has been approved between the Department and DCFS.

• 2014 - 1 PRE-PLANNED COMPLIANCE SEARCHES

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to clarify the responsibility of the Probation Department regarding compliance searches and supervision of Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) (AB109 and AB117) probationers. It has also established a procedure for documenting notifications before conducting ***Pre-Planned Probation Compliance Searches.***

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all sworn Bureau personnel.

BACKGROUND

In July 2012, following an approved motion by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Probation Department was assigned responsibility for the supervision and rehabilitative services of all adult probationers. Compliance and accountability rest with the Probation Department.

Law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, were tasked with collaborating with the Probation Department to ensure probationer compliance while maintaining public safety. As part of this collaboration, law enforcement is required to make an appropriate notification to probation personnel before conducting a ***Pre-Planned Probation Compliance Search.***

ORDER

Pre-Planned Probation Compliance Searches

Before conducting a ***Pre-Planned Probation Compliance Search,*** notification to the Probation Department is required. This requirement applies **only** to ***Pre-Planned Probation Compliance Searches.*** The notification requirement is met when contact is made with:

- A Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) familiar with the case being investigated,
- A DPO embedded with your team/station,
- The DPO of record.

The notification must be documented in the **Notifications** section of the operations plan prepared before the compliance search.

SEARCH WARRANTS

Notification to the Probation Department or any other compliance entity is **not** required serving a search warrant. Additionally, notification is not required under the following circumstances:

- An active in-progress investigation,
- Established search conditions exist.
- The compliance search is necessary to further a criminal investigation.

COMPLIANCE SEARCHES

Compliance searches remain a valuable tool in furthering criminal investigations. A simple notification to the Probation Department is sufficient to avoid any potential long-term limitations or ramifications regarding this investigative asset.

• 2015 - 1 RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

PURPOSE OF ORDER

The purpose of this order is to establish time guidelines on vehicles impounded for evidence for Bureau investigations.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all sworn Bureau personnel.

ORDER

When assigning cases, the team sergeant shall notify the assigned detective if the case involves an

impounded vehicle.

Within four business days of the vehicle being impounded, it shall be the responsibility of the detective or team sergeant to reclassify the impounded vehicle as "stored." For further information regarding the reclassification of vehicles and vehicle release administrative fees, refer to ***MPP 5-01/090.00 and 5-01/090.10.***

If, during the course of the investigation, it is necessary for the vehicle to remain "impounded" beyond four business days, the Unit Commander or their designee shall be notified regarding the circumstances.

• 2015 - 2 PROPOSITION 47 ARRESTS

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