Patrol Personnel in Public Places

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TO: ALL PERSONNEL
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SUBJECT: NORWALK STATION MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 05-02 LOITERING

PURPOSE

To establish policy and procedures regarding patrol personnel meeting and/or gathering in public places for extended periods of time.

SCOPE OF ORDER

This order applies to all patrol units on all shifts assigned to duties at Norwalk Regional Station.

ORDER

It is the objective of all personnel assigned to Norwalk Regional Station to provide the highest caliber of law enforcement service to the public we serve. Based on that, we are reminded that public perception is of the highest value; when the public sees numerous units parked at a local establishment, they do not know the reason, and more than likely, will not inquire as to why the units are gathered there. All too often, assumptions are made, and our image as a professional policing agency suffers.

Personnel are reminded that the Manual of Policy and Procedures addresses loitering under the following section:

3-01/030.65 LOITERING

On duty personnel shall not loiter in cafes, drive-ins, service stations or other public places.

It should be the duty of all personnel to be cognizant of your surroundings and to use common sense when meeting other units in public places by limiting the number of units gathered to two (exclusive of a Field Supervisor) as well as the amount of time spent at a location.

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