Station Earthquake Response

Purpose:

The purpose of this order is to establish a specific station protocol for response and documentation immediately following an earthquake for all desk and field personnel. This order is in support of and conforms with EOP 2-1 Earthquakes.

Policy:

EOP 2-1 - Earthquakes establishes, “a specific response format for Field Operations Regions...” Immediately after an earthquake it is the Watch Commander’s responsibility to ascertain the effects of the earthquake and relay that information to SCC. To that end Altadena Station personnel shall do the following:

1) Field units shall immediately determine the status of disaster routes from the area.

These streets shall be checked as far as the border of the Altadena Station patrol area.

2) Desk personnel (70D and/or 120D) shall print out all earthquake related calls, observations and messages;

3) Once the status of evacuation routes is determined, field units shall check all Critical Facilities and desk personnel shall ensure that documentation of these checks are completed in a manner that can be easily forwarded to the EOC and/or DOC;

4) Staff the Crescenta Valley EOC, if requested, and/or an EOC at Altadena Station, if necessary;

5) Upon completion of the Critical Facility check, field units shall conduct a General Area survey and keep the EOC informed of their results.

A Station Status report shall be completed and in the possession of the Cresenta Valley Watch Commander no later than forty-five minutes after the earthquake. This report is Annex C of EOP 2-1 and is found in the Earthquake Response Manual in the Dispatch Area.

A detailed report of the status of every room at the facility shall be completed no later than 24 hours after the earthquake and submitted to the Unit Commander. The Watch Sergeant shall ensure that this form is completed. Earthquake Response Manual in the Dispatch Area.