Station Order 50/10.00 Problem Oriented Policing

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish current station policy regarding the mandatory performance and logging of problem areas by sworn personnel. These problem areas include, but are not limited to, citizen patrol requests, directed patrol missions, and areas being targeted for criminal activity.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all sworn personnel assigned to San Dimas Station.

ORDER:

Problem oriented policing is closely related to the practice of community policing.

The mission is problem solving in areas identified by the public or San Dimas Station personnel. Problem oriented policing is a **proactive enforcement** approach by all sworn personnel to reduce and/or eliminate crime in identified problematic locations through greater involvement of all patrol deputies, the Community Action Team, and the public.

Any Department member or a member of the community can identify a problem location by describing the problem and initiating a directed and organized response from San Dimas Sheriff Station. Once the problem is identified, the request shall be forwarded to the Community Action Team Sergeant, who shall ensure a tracking number is assigned to the indicated problem. Each problem will be assessed and proper resources will be allocated to address the issue. An index of ongoing directed patrols shall be distributed by the C.A.T. Sergeant on a regular basis and when updated. The index and detailed Directed Patrol descriptions shall be maintained in the Briefing Room.

Patrol deputies and members of the Community Action Team shall address these issues during their daily duties. *No assigned mission sheet is required.* For areas in need of additional attention, the Community Action Team Sergeant shall distribute particular missions to shift watch commanders, for enforcement in particular areas and times during their shifts.

The missions will be documented on a mission sheet and assigned via email, or a hard copy will be passed on. The mission sheet will contain a brief description of the problem, address, tracking number, tags assigned, and tasks completed. The mission sheet will either be emailed or hand delivered to the watch commander by the Community Action Team Sergeant.

During the course of each shift, the assigned watch commander shall identify patrol units during his/her shift and assign the mission. The watch commander shall follow up and assess the efforts of his/her personnel to ensure proper attention was given and each mission was appropriately addressed.

The handling deputy shall complete a thorough investigation of the mission. The results of their efforts shall be documented in the DDWS log, including the assigned code for the mission. Deputies shall utilize all appropriate statistical code(s) for the action taken AND the statistical code “800.” The narrative shall include the Directed Patrol number. Example clearance narratives:

“Checked location regarding trespassing and narco violations. Evidence of transients but no persons found. COV17015” (Stat code 800)

“Detained 925 in car in parking lot, arrested Christopher Thrift MB/26 re: 11550 SDM17012” (Stat codes 183, 717, 840 and 800)

“Checked Via Verde area re: mail thefts and car burgs. 925A Emmett Smith MW/33 cited at 1223 Via Palomares re: tinted windows and registration. SDM17013” (Stat codes 720 717 840 800)

For missions assigned by a supervisor, the assigned deputy shall document his actions/accomplishments on the mission sheet, including the date and tag number, and return it to the watch commander.

THESE MISSIONS ARE NOT RANDOM PATROLS. IT IS PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING. THE ASSIGNED DEPUTIES MUST ACTIVELY ATTEMPT TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO BRING AN END TO THE PROBLEM/CRIME.