

4-9 Use of Aircraft

MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to provide information for the use of and gaining the required authorization for the deployment of aircraft assets.

GUIDELINES

Department aircraft may be utilized in conjunction with routine Sheriff's Department law enforcement activities within Los Angeles County. All requests for aircraft shall be coordinated through the Aero Bureau Operations Sergeant. This permits control and coordination of investigative teams and prioritization of air support.

Aero Bureau policy authorizes pilots conducting a surveillance to maintain a surveillance within the following counties, not to exceed 100 miles from the nearest Los Angeles County line:

1. Orange County
2. Ventura County
3. Kern County
4. San Bernardino County

5. Riverside County

If the need arises to proceed beyond these parameters, the I/O in charge of the surveillance shall have the responsibility for obtaining authorization from the Sheriff, Undersheriff, or the Assistant Sheriff, via Detective Division Headquarters.

Prior to an air surveillance, the I/O shall discuss his intentions and probabilities for an extended surveillance with the air operations supervisor and the assigned pilot.

In addition to Aero Bureau, the California Army National Guard (CNG) also provides helicopters and pilots in support of surveillance operations. The use of this resource shall also be coordinated by the Narcotics Bureau Operations Sergeant, who shall contact the CNG when no support is available from Aero Bureau. A courtesy notification shall be made to Aero Bureau by the I/O that this request process has been initiated.
