

5-8 Operations Plans

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **5-8**

Subject: **OPERATIONS PLANS**

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

This order will implement the standard Department operations plan for all anticipated tactical operations undertaken by the Narcotics Bureau.

B. BACKGROUND

Prior to this order, several formats of operations plans have been used. This order mandates the use of the standard Department Operations Plan.

C. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy will establish a uniform plan to be utilized by the entire Bureau. This will ensure consistency from crew to crew.

D. ACCOUNTABILITY

NOTE: Bureau Order #5-8 must be read in conjunction with Bureau Orders

#6-11, (Tactical Operations), #6-1, (Search warrants, Probation and Parole Searches, Consent Searches & Arrest Warrants), and #2-10, (Use of Communications Equipment), to obtain a full understanding of the scope of these orders. Each contains subject matter and information regarding tactical operations that is interrelated and compliments material in each of the other three orders.

All Bureau personnel will be held accountable for being familiar with and strictly adhering to the individual and collective contents of these orders. Sergeants and Lieutenants are responsible for ensuring that their subordinates are aware of and comply with these orders.

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II. POLICY

- The Department Operations Plan format is available via the Sheriff's Data Network forms library and complies with EOP 2-5/050.00 (Attachment A)

- Whenever an operation includes the service of a search warrant, Bureau Orders #6-1, #6-11, MPP 5-09/465.00 through 5-09/465.60 shall be followed, including the use of the Search Warrant

Preparation Checklist.

- This Operations Plan format, as well as the Search Warrant Preparation Checklist, will be used for any planned Bureau tactical operation for the service of a search warrant or arrest warrant. An Operations Plan and the Checklist will also be used for anticipated parole, probation or consent searches of fixed locations as well as for buy/bust operations, or reverse sting operations, etc.

- An abbreviated version of an Operations Plan (**Attachment B**) is required when conducting any surveillance, buys or “Rip” operations. The abbreviated Operations Plan shall be approved by the crew sergeant prior to conducting the operation.

All Operations Plans shall address the following areas:

1. SHOTS FIRED

Procedures for addressing “shots fired,” both prior to and after entry, shall include accounting for personnel, caring for and evacuating injured persons, establishing containment, and requesting additional resources.

2. ENCOUNTERING DOGS OR OTHER VICIOUS ANIMALS

Plans to deal with vicious animals shall include tactics which contains the possibility of utilizing a variable degree of force, up to and including the use of firearms.

3. FLEEING SUSPECTS / FOOT PURSUITS

The Department Foot Pursuit Policy remains in effect. The crew sergeant will ensure that key points of the policy are reviewed. During briefing, the lead investigator will discuss the necessity to pursue any fleeing suspect(s).

4. BARRICADED SUSPECT / HOSTAGE SITUATION

Refer to MPP 5-06/110.00 and MPP 5-06/110.50

- The Search Warrant Preparation checklist criteria shall be used to determine the risk level of the operation. Operation Plans for “moderate” or “high” risk events will be minimally approved by two levels of supervision, (sergeant and lieutenant), prior to execution of the plan. **All “Operation Plans,” shall be approved by a Lieutenant or higher rank. (MPP 5-09/465.10) (FOD 00-09).**

NOTE: Each time a tactical entry is being planned, personnel should review the feasibility of utilizing a Tactical Entry Team (TET), to make the entry, if it appears that such use would enhance Bureau efficiencies.

A TET might be utilized when: a target location has a complicated layout, there is not enough Narcotics Bureau personnel available to complete a full entry team, the entrance to the location makes it particularly difficult to access or a situation where numerous “unknown” factors exist. Special Enforcement Bureau personnel should be contacted for consultation or whenever questions arise or general guidance is sought.

Sergeants and Lieutenants should ensure that the above considerations are being made during the planning of tactical operations.

- “Lower” risk classifications must be approved by a crew Sergeant or in the case of a search warrant, a Lieutenant. The requirement for an operation plan for “lower” risk events may be waived by a Sergeant. (FOD 00-09)
- “Highest” risk tactical operations and search warrants shall be executed by SEB and require an “Operations Plan” **approval by the Unit Commander** and notification to a Detective Division Commander and the Detective Division Chief. (MPP 5-09/465.10)
- A briefing attended by all participating personnel shall be conducted prior to the commencement of the operation. All personnel who are assigned to participate in a Narcotics Bureau tactical operation shall physically attend this briefing and sign the roster indicating their presence. Briefings via telephone or separate briefings of individuals are not allowed. The possibility of mis-

communication or errors increase when all personnel are not present.

Any deviation must be pre-approved by the concerned Zone Lieutenant based on compelling reasoning and sound tactics.

- Deployment of the AR-15 and/or M-4 rifle or MP5 shall be addressed in the Operations Plan, and shall include a notification to the responsible lieutenant, See Bureau Order 2-6 for additional information.
- It is recognized that under certain exigent circumstances, where time is of the essence, the preparation of a formal operations plan may be burdensome and difficult, and there may be a rare occasion where a formal written operations plan cannot be prepared. Personnel participating in and supervisors approving deviation from Department policy in this regard must be prepared to fully justify their actions. However, in all circumstances regardless of the difficulty, the risk level of the event will be fully assessed utilizing the Department Search Warrant Preparation Checklist and personnel will be guided by the policy surrounding the results of that assessment.
- Completed operations shall be de-briefed by the crew sergeant, with the deputies who were present, for tactical review of the event and prosecution purposes. The sergeant shall conduct a review of the circumstances where suspects were arrested, the charges, and the evidence obtained against the suspects including physical evidence and deputy/witness observations supporting prosecution of all suspects arrested.

ORIGINAL SIGNED_____

LOY L. MCBRIDE, CAPTAIN

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OPERATIONS PLAN

TYPE OF OPERATION

Text Box: TYPE OF OPERATION

STATION/UNIT

DATE

CONFIDENTIAL

Prepared by:

File#:

Approved by:

Date:

Commander:

Date Notified:

RIB #'s:

IV. EXECUTION

A. COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Incident Commander:	
Area Commander	
Captain	
Lieutenant	

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B. TEAMS ROSTER/ LOCATIONS/ ADDRESSES

LOCATION #	TEAM/UNIT:
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LOCATION #	TEAM/UNIT:			
ADDRESS:				
NAME & EMPL #	ASSIGNED DUTIES	CALL LTRS	VEHICLE	AGENCY/UNIT
	TEAM LEADER			

* (entire location table can be copied and pasted for more locations)

LOCATIONS	SUSPECTS AND/OR VEHICLES
	OTHER POSSIBLE OCCUPANTS:
	ADULTS, CHILDREN, ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED (Indicate Sex / Race/ Age)

C. BRIEFING TIMES /LOCATIONS

The following is the time schedule for the operation:

Refer to Tactical Plan attachments for information specific to individual locations. Entry supplementary reports must include team members and assignments.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

A. FIELD COMMAND POST:

B. STAGING AREA(S):

C. COMMUNICATIONS	STATION:	FREQ. DISPATCH:
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PORTABLE:		MODE:	FREQ:
CAR:		MODE:	FREQ:
TACTICAL:		MODE:	FREQ:

D. LOGISTICS

	BINOCULARS		CROW BAR-PICK		MOBILE PHONE		NIGHT SCOPE
	BOLT CUTTERS		SCANNER		VIDEO CAMERA		ENTRY RAM
	35 MM CAMERA		FLEX CUFFS		POLAROID		ARWEN
	BALLISTIC SHIELD		VEH TRACK DEVICE		BODY WIRE		TAPE RECORDER

E. MEDICAL PROCEDURES

1. Deputy personnel:

2. Suspects:	
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F. REPORTING PROCEDURES

All departmental reporting procedures shall remain in effect. Incidents regarding shots fired, use of pepper spray

Audio recordings shall be made of all dwellings entries pursuant to 844 PC.

Before and after videos shall be taken of all locations (dwellings) searched whether pursuant to a Search Warrant

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G. EMERGENCY NUMBERS	NOTIFICATIONS (Who, When, By Whom)
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Station: _____	L.A. Clear: _____
Local P.D.: _____	Local P.D.: _____
Fire Dept.: _____	Station W/Cmdr.: _____
Other: _____	Area Lt.: _____
Other: _____	Other: _____
