12-02 COURT SERVICES RAPID RESPONSE FORCE

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COURT SERVICES DIVISION RAPID RESPONSE FORCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide for a Rapid Response Force within Court Services Division to respond to emergencies and other large scale operations that impact court operations that go beyond the capabilities of assigned branch personnel.

BACKGROUND

Recent events in Los Angeles County and around the country have caused law enforcement agencies to respond to situations involving mass demonstrations and take appropriate action. The manner in which these agencies have responded is closely monitored by the media and the public. In order to deal with events affecting court operations in Los Angeles County that go beyond the capabilities of branch personnel, Court Services Division has established a Rapid Response Force that will be available during the hours of court operations. Primarily, the Rapid Response Force will respond to emergencies within courthouses where the local agency is unable to respond or the response would extend beyond their capabilities. The Rapid Response Force will also respond to events outside of our courts that impact court operations, such as the ingress and egress of judges, court personnel, inmates, etc. where the local agency is unable to handle the situation. Rapid Response Force team members have the ability to respond Code-3 countywide if the request is of an emergent nature. Upon their arrival, the mission of the Rapid Response Force is to restore order and return court operations to normal as soon as safely possible. The Rapid Response Force is not

intended to respond to routine court activities such as high profile media cases, extreme shortages of personnel, etc.

CONFIGUATION

The Rapid Response Force will consist of a platoon with four squads. The platoon will be led by a lieutenant and sergeant. Each squad will be led by a sergeant and bonus deputy and will be comprised of approximately twelve deputies from the Civil Management Unit (CMU), Court Services Division Headquarters Training, and the Judicial Services Unit (JSU) who will act as a plain clothed, advance scout team. The squads are configured based on the basic geographic location, North, South, East, and West, where squad members are normally assigned to ensure a rapid response to an emergency anywhere within the County.

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Platoon Leader Civil Management Unit Lieutenant

Back-up Platoon Leader Division Operations Lieutenant

Platoon Sergeant Division Training Sergeant

Back-up Platoon Sergeant Civil Management Unit Operations Sergeant

REQUESTING THE RAPID RESPONSE FORCE

Any branch supervisor determining the need for the Rapid Response Force may request a response. Prior notice, if feasible, should be made to the Civil Management Unit Lieutenant. The fastest way to request a response during emergency situations is by contacting Sheriff's Communication Center by radio on the SCC Access Channel, the home frequency of the vast majority of personnel on the Rapid Response Force.

Immediate notifications should be made to the assigned Area Lieutenant, Bureau Operations Headquarters, as well as immediate telephonic notification to Court Services Division Headquarters.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Court Services Division's Training Unit shall ensure that Rapid Response Force team members receive periodic training regarding crowd and riot control procedures. The Training Unit shall ensure that each courthouse is equipped with the necessary less lethal weaponry, such as sting ball grenades, 40 mm weapons, etc. to handle emergency situations.

Civil Management Unit Headquarters personnel shall ensure that the Rapid Response Force team rosters are updated as personnel transfers occur.

Rapid Response Force team squad sergeants shall ensure that they have contact numbers for deputy personnel assigned to their squad in the event they are unable to be reached by radio.

Rapid Response Force team personnel shall ensure they monitor their radio during their assigned working hours. Team personnel shall be in full uniform during their tour of duty and have all response gear, including helmets, ballistic vests, PR-24, etc. available.

Personnel who are taking time off, including vacations, sick days, etc. shall inform their respective squad sergeants of their unavailability.

APPROVED: **Original Signed**

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CSD Rapid Response Force Roster can be found in CSDNet in Forms under "Rapid Response Force Roster".