

CHAPTER 114  
DIRECTED PATROLS

DISCUSSION: Studies done in the early 1970's have shown that random patrol procedures produce random results. Projects and programs implemented by numerous Departments have shown effective results and increased operating efficiency is gleaned from deploying personnel for short periods of time in specific areas directed at a particular topic of concern. The term "Directed Patrol" has been adopted for this type of program and has become a regular practice for modernized and efficiently run police agencies.

114.1.1 Administration

- A. Directed Patrols are a preplanned activity, generally short in duration geared to achieve a specific goal.
- B. Directed Patrols are initiated by a request. The request may be made verbally or written and can come from many sources such as:
  - 1. Citizen contact
  - 2. Administration
  - 3. Crime Analysis
  - 4. Collective knowledge of the officers
  - 5. Special Units
  - 6. Other Agencies
  - 7. Informants
  - 8. Analysis of Department Data
  - 9. Case Management follow-ups
  - 10. Any source that may bring a problem to the Department's attention

114.1.2 Procedures for Directed Patrol

The following situations are examples of what would cause a Directed Patrol to be necessary:

- 1. Excessive motor vehicle violations or accidents.
- 2. High criminal activity in a specific area.

3. Multiple disturbances/incidents.

Officers shall actively identify areas of interest or concern in their particular areas of patrol and shall devise a plan to address the problem. The plan shall be referred to the unit supervisor for approval. Plans that require assistance from other divisions within the department require approval of the Division Commanders. Plans that require assistance from other agencies are approved through the Operations Bureau Commander

- C. The Division Commander or unit supervisor shall approve all Directed Patrols prior to implementation. Then assign the shift(s), beat(s) or officer(s) based upon the location and time periods and determine the action to be taken by the officer(s) assigned depending on the circumstances of the situation
- D. The supervisors are responsible for the day to day supervision of the Directed Patrol and shall ensure that the Direct Patrol is performed as prescribed
- E. The officer performing the Directed Patrol shall submit a report outlining the details and actions performed. These reports shall be turned in to his/her supervisor and forwarded to the Division Commander
- F. Division Commanders shall maintain a file of all completed Directed Patrols and incorporate a summary in the monthly report. The file system shall be able, at a minimum to track history and activity should the department be questioned about its activity or need documentation.