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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the protocol involved in determining the assignment, supervision, and direction of officers assigned to patrol and investigative sections.

2. PERSONS AFFECTED

All sworn personnel and dispatch personnel.

3. POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Hawai'i Police Department that its members be guided by specific rules of command in regards to assignment, supervision, and direction of its officers as it relates to carrying out police duties.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. Detectives

4.1.1. Detectives shall act under the direction of their designated commanding officer of the Criminal Investigative Division.

4.1.2. When a detective is assigned to take over an investigation, he/she shall be in charge thereof unless or until relieved or otherwise assigned by competent authority.

4.2. Patrol

4.2.1. Beat assignments and reassignments of police officers shall be made by the watch commander of an assigned watch on duty in South Hilo or Kona and by district commanders or their assistants in all country districts and sub-stations. Beat assignments are to be rotated daily. District commanders may choose to deviate from a daily rotation in order to provide effective coverage, ensure accountability, and achieve organizational goals and objectives.

4.2.2. The dispatcher is authorized, subject to orders of the watch commander, to make assignments of police officers to the investigation or handling of particular cases as necessity demands, excepting that whenever a field sergeant arrives at the scene of an

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investigation it shall be his/her responsibility to direct such investigation. He/she may make such temporary assignments as may be necessary, keeping the dispatcher informed of such temporary assignments, and, before relinquishing responsibility for the direction of such investigation, to so notify the dispatcher.

- 4.2.3. In the absence of a superior officer at an investigation, the officer assigned to that beat shall be in charge. In cases where the regular beat officer is not present, the senior officer present shall be in charge.
- 4.2.4. Whenever an officer returns to his regular beat assignment after being detailed to special assignment, he/she shall immediately notify the dispatcher.
- 4.2.5. Whenever it becomes necessary for an officer to leave his/her beat, except when in actual pursuit of an offender or in a serious emergency, the officer shall notify the dispatcher of his/her destination, reason, and probable length of time of absence from his/her beat. Upon returning to the beat, the officer shall immediately notify the dispatcher.

5. MAJOR COMPLAINTS AND EMERGENCIES

- 5.1. Whenever the dispatcher receives the original complaint of any major crime, or of any death or possible death, he shall immediately notify the on duty watch commander.
- 5.2. Whenever the dispatcher receives the original report of any serious general emergency or catastrophe, he shall immediately notify the on duty watch commander. Further notifications are to be made by the watch commander to subsequently higher command levels as necessary.
- 5.3. It shall be the duty of the watch commander to determine whether the incident requires his immediate supervision and, when so determined, he shall take over command of operations or assist the dispatcher in directing the force as long as the emergency exists, or until relieved, or until otherwise assigned by competent authority.