

Watch Commanders

421.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Each patrol shift must be directed by supervisors who are capable of making decisions and communicating in a manner consistent with departmental policies, procedures, practices, functions and objectives. To accomplish this goal, a Sergeant heads each watch.

421.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING WATCH COMMANDER

When a Sergeant is unavailable for duty as Watch Commander, in most instances a senior qualified officer in charge shall be designated as acting Officer in Charge (OIC). This policy does not preclude designating a less senior officer as an acting Officer in Charge when operational needs require or training permits.