

Watch Commander and/or Field Supervisors

404.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

404.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING WATCH COMMANDER

When a lieutenant is unavailable for duty as watch commander, in most instances the senior qualified sergeant shall be designated as acting watch commander. This policy does not preclude designating a sergeant assigned outside Operations Division as an acting watch commander when operational needs require or training permits. When a sergeant is unavailable to act as the watch commander, he/she may designate a Field Training Officer (FTO) as an acting watch commander for a period of time.