

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 department 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 the senior qualified senior officer or corporal shall be designated as acting Watch Commander. This policy does not preclude designating a less senior senior officer or corporal as an acting Watch Commander when operational needs require or training permits.