DIVISION DIRECTIVE

I. PURPOSE

To set forth guidelines to be followed when requesting an Investigator to respond to a crime scene or incident.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of this Division to apprehend person(s) suspected of committing criminal acts. Toward that end, Investigator’s will respond and render whatever assistance is deemed appropriate by the Senior Duty Officer in those instances enumerated in this directive.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Investigators will be directed to respond as deemed appropriate

1. To all armed robberies, suspicious deaths, suicides, serious assaults, and/or other major crimes or incidents by the Senior Duty Officer.

B. Officer on the crime scene.

1. Determine the need for an Investigator to respond.

2. Secure the crime scene to prevent contamination of evidence.
3. Contact the Senior Duty Officer of their Section and:
   a. Advise nature of the crime.
   b. Provide as many details of the crime as possible.
   c. State the specific need for an Investigator.

C. Senior Duty Officer Responsibilities

1. Respond to the scene, when practical, to evaluate the situation.

2. When possible, personally contact the on-call Investigator; otherwise contact will be made via the Communications Section.
   a. Advise nature of the crime.
   b. Provide as many details of the crime as possible.
   c. State the specific need for an Investigator.

D. Investigator Responsibilities

1. Obtain information from Senior Duty Officer.
   a. Respond as soon as possible; or
   b. If in the opinion of the Investigator the situation does not warrant an Investigator to respond, he/she will explain this to the Senior Duty Officer and recommend another course of action, if appropriate. However, the final decision will rest with the Senior Duty Officer.

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