



CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY MANUAL SPECIAL ORDER 2024-02

Pursuant to Carlsbad Police Department Policy 204, this Special Order becomes effective June 20, 2024.

Updated Policy: PATROL FUNCTION 400

400.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the patrol function and address intraorganizational cooperation and information sharing.

400.1.1 PATROL VEHICLE INSPECTION

Officers will conduct a pre-shift inspection of their patrol vehicle. This inspection will include:

1. Confirmation that the vehicle is stocked with all mandated equipment and that all equipment is operational.
2. The patrol rifle will be removed from the vehicle and inspected to ensure that it is patrol ready.
3. The shotgun will be removed from the vehicle and a 5-point safety check of the weapon will be conducted.
4. The patrol rifle and shotgun will be placed in the racks, and the locking mechanisms will be checked.
5. The vehicle is checked for contraband.
6. All in-car video cameras are functional and operational. Any cameras or systems that are not functioning properly will be reported to a supervisor immediately and logged into the LEFTA system's VDOC application.
7. The vehicle will be checked for any damage. All damage will be reported to a supervisor and logged into the LEFTA system's VDOC application.
8. Officers will enter into their unit history that a **pre-shift vehicle inspection** was completed.

400.2 INFORMATION SHARING

To the extent feasible, all information relevant to the department's mission should be shared among all divisions and specialized units on a timely basis. Members should be regularly provided with opportunities to share information during the daily briefings and to attend briefings of other divisions or specialized units.



Additionally, information should be shared with outside agencies and the public in conformance with department policies and applicable laws. Members are encouraged to share information with other units and divisions.

400.3 CROWDS, EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Officers may encounter gatherings of people, including but not limited to civil demonstrations, civic, social, and business events, public displays, parades, and sporting events. Officers should monitor such events as time permits to keep the peace and protect the safety and rights of those present. A patrol supervisor should be notified when it becomes reasonably foreseeable that such an event may require increased monitoring, contact or intervention.

Officers responding to an event or gathering that warrants law enforcement involvement should carefully balance the speech and association rights of those present with applicable public safety concerns before taking enforcement action.

Generally, officers should consider seeking compliance through advisements and warnings for minor violations and should reserve greater enforcement options for more serious violations or when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.

Officers are encouraged to contact organizers or responsible persons to seek voluntary compliance that may address relevant public safety/order concerns.

Officers should consider enforcement of applicable state and local laws, such as Penal Code 602.1 (obstructing or intimidating business operators), when the activity blocks the entrance or egress of a facility or location and when voluntary compliance with the law is not achieved.

400.4 POLICY

The Carlsbad Police Department provides patrol services 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will prioritize responses to requests for emergency services using available resources to enhance the safety of the public and department members.

400.5 FUNCTION

Patrol will generally be conducted by uniformed officers in clearly marked law enforcement vehicles in assigned jurisdictional areas of Carlsbad. The function of patrol is to respond to calls for assistance and reports of criminal activity, act as a deterrent to crime, enforce state and local laws, identify community needs, provide support and assistance to the community and respond to emergencies.

Patrol services include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Responding to emergency calls for service.
- (b) Apprehending criminal offenders.
- (c) Providing mutual aid and assistance to other agencies for emergency and law enforcement-related activities.



- (d) Preventing criminal acts, traffic violations, and collisions, maintaining public order, and discovering hazardous situations or conditions.
- (e) Responding to reports of criminal and non-criminal acts.
- (f) Responding to routine calls for service, such as public assistance or public safety.
- (g) Carrying out crime prevention activities such as residential inspections, business inspections and community presentations.
- (h) Carrying out community-oriented policing and problem-solving activities, including the application of resources to improve or resolve specific problems or situations and contacting or assisting members of the public in a positive way.
- (i) Directing and controlling traffic

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Christie Calderwood, Chief of Police

Date 6/19/24