



**SUBJECT:** District Detectives  
**TO:** Members of the Department

This Order establishes department policy and member responsibilities for the following:

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**32.1 DISTRICT DETECTIVES**

This Order establishes responsibility and chain of command for all district detectives assigned to the various district headquarters and posts.

For the purposes of this Order, a district detective means any detective, regardless of rank, who is assigned to district headquarters, or is assigned the duties of any of the following: a post detective sergeant or a detective assigned to a surveillance team, fugitive team, or multijurisdictional task force.

**32.1.1. CHAIN OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY**

- A. Each district commander is responsible to the deputy director, Field Services Bureau, for the following within their district:
  - (1) The general police conditions and proper and efficient enforcement of all laws within the jurisdiction of the position.
  - (2) Informing the deputy director, Field Services Bureau, of important developments, serious crimes, criminal conditions, and unusual occurrences taking place within the state, and submitting recommendations relating to such matters.
  - (3) Assignment of detectives to posts within the district and, with approval of the Field Services Bureau, assignments to other districts as needed.

- (4) Major case assignments involving movement of field detectives from one district to another, pending notification of the Field Services Bureau commander. No reassignments may be made without prior notification of the affected district and post commanders.

B. Special Investigation Section (SIS) commanders report to their district commander and are responsible for:

- (1) Keeping the district commander informed of important developments, serious crimes, criminal conditions, and unusual occurrences taking place within the district area and providing recommendations relating to such matters.
- (2) The administrative and operational supervision, as defined in Official Order No. 2, of detectives assigned to district headquarters and detectives assigned to teams operated by a district.
- (3) The operational supervision of detective sergeants at posts in cooperation with the post commander. Dependent on geographic factors and work assignments, district commanders may grant both administrative and operational supervision of post detectives to the SIS Commander.

This split role of supervision is necessary due to geographic areas and staffing patterns. Consequently, it is important for post commanders and the SIS commander to develop liaison and communicate mutual areas of concern with one another. Unresolved issues shall be processed through the chain of command.

- (4) Conducting internal or sensitive investigations when assigned by the district commander.
- (5) Coordinating and, when directed by the district commander, assuming direct supervision of major criminal investigations within the district.
- (6) Monitoring the activities of detectives assigned within the district for purposes of determining and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the department's investigative efforts and compiling statistical information.
- (7) Coordinating requests for investigative resources needed within the district.
- (8) Participation in the semi-annual inspection process of work sites within the district, at the discretion of the district commander.

C. Detectives assigned to a district report to the SIS commander. These detectives shall:

- (1) Inform the SIS commander of important developments, serious crimes, criminal conditions, and unusual occurrences taking place within the district and submit recommendations relating to such matters.
- (2) Detective sergeants shall provide supervision to subordinate officers commensurate with their rank as a part of the district supervisory staff.
- (3) Investigate criminal complaints occurring within the district and investigate internal or sensitive complaints that may be assigned.

- D. Detectives assigned to non-narcotics investigative teams operated by a district report to the SIS commander. These detectives shall:
- (1) Inform the SIS commander of important developments, serious crimes, criminal conditions, and unusual occurrences taking place within their specialized area and submit recommendations relating to such matters.
  - (2) Provide supervision of subordinate officers commensurate with their rank within their specialized team.
  - (3) Investigate criminal complaints occurring within the district area and investigate internal or sensitive complaints that may be assigned.
- E. Detective sergeants assigned to posts report to the district SIS commander, in cooperation with the post commander, for operational supervision, and to the post commander for administrative supervision. They shall:
- (1) Inform the SIS commander/post commander of important developments, serious crimes, criminal conditions, and unusual occurrences taking place within the post area, and submit recommendations relating to such matters.
  - (2) Provide supervision commensurate with their rank as a part of the post supervisory staff.
  - (3) Investigate criminal complaints occurring within the post area and investigate internal or sensitive complaints that may be assigned.
  - (4) Supervise and assist in the investigation of criminal complaints by subordinate officers at the post.

#### 32.1.2. PERSONAL APPEARANCE

District detectives shall adhere to the personal appearance policies set forth in Official Order No. 1, Art. 4, Enc. 1.

#### 32.2 REVISION RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for continuous review and revision of this Order lies with the Field Services Bureau, in cooperation with the Office of the Director.

DIRECTOR