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SUBJECT: COMMAND PROTOCOL

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AUTHORITY AT SCENE

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I. PURPOSE:

To establish authority of personnel from different Departmental Divisions who are engaged in a single operation.

II. SCOPE:

This policy shall apply only to operations between Investigative and Road Deputy personnel.

III. POLICY:

"First on Scene" Deputy shall be the Officer in Charge and have control of the Crime Scene and shall protect the crime scene until Investigative personnel arrive. At such time the Investigator has the responsibility of the crime scene.

IV. COMMAND OF CRIME SCENE:

- A. When a crime scene is ready to be turned over to an investigator, the Officer in Charge shall have the authority to notify the investigator.
- B. Once a crime scene is turned over to Investigative personnel, the Investigator has the responsibility for the scene protection, collection of evidence, fingerprints, photographs, etc.; and may direct patrol personnel to perform any specified tasks that are necessary. Investigators are responsible for informing the Sheriff, Chief Deputy and Chief Investigator of the status of the Investigation.

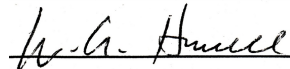
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- C. Investigators may request the Patrol Supervisor to supply a Deputy to assist in the investigation, serve a warrant, collect evidence or transport prisoners.


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