

Procedure

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Eugene Police Department



Patrol Strategy

4.1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

PART I - Responsibilities and Procedures for All Personnel

- A. Beat types
- B. Officer responsibilities

PART II - Responsibilities and Procedures for Supervisors and Command Personnel

- A. Planning

4.1.2 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL PERSONNEL

A. Beat types

1. *Fixed Beat*

Fixed areas where assigned officers are responsible for the entire range of law enforcement activity. These include crime suppression and investigation, traffic enforcement and control, keeping the peace, and promoting beat health.

2. *Focused Beat*

A specifically defined area designated for a specific purpose. Officers assigned to focused beats are responsible for all calls for service within its boundaries. Focused beats are designed by the Watch Commander to address specific issues.

3. *Special Assignment*

Directed patrol to attack a specific problem. Officers on special assignment are not to be dispatched to routine calls not related to their assignment, except for issues involving human safety or serious property crimes.

B. **Officer responsibilities**

- 1. Officers are expected to spend unobligated time in their assigned beats working on specific problems/issues affecting that beat, and engaging in enforcement and prevention activities.

2. An officer working in his or her regularly-assigned fixed beat is expected to proactively look for ways to improve the health of that beat by:
 - a. Identifying problems affecting the quality of life of its residents;
and
 - b. Looking for and implementing ways to deal with those problems.

4.1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SUPERVISORS AND COMMAND PERSONNEL

A. Planning Patrol Strategy

1. Ensure adequate staffing for fixed beats.
2. Determine the need for, and design, focused and special assignment beats based upon such considerations as:
 - crime analysis information
 - criminal intelligence information
 - identified community problems
 - traffic accident analysis reports
 - police officer observations
3. Supervisors are expected to allocate resources so as to maximize effectiveness in dealing with both the day-to-day activities and longer-term issues affecting the community.