PATROL

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Members assigned to the Patrol Operations Division shall perform the following tasks:
1. Respond to calls for service as directed.
2. Orient patrol toward prevention of crimes and accidents, maintenance of public order, and discovery of hazardous conditions and situations.
3. Conduct crime prevention activities to include, but not limited to, security recommendations for residential or commercial establishments.
4. Provide victim/witness assistance.
5. Enforce and/or investigate violations of all federal, state and local criminal and civil matters over which we have jurisdiction.
6. Perform emergency services when necessary to help save lives, protect property, and restore peace.
7. Investigate and take appropriate action on all missing person reports.
8. Provide assistance in support of other Sheriff's Office components, state and county governments, and local law enforcement agencies.
9. Attend roll call as scheduled.
10. Perform foot patrol assignments as determined by the Shift Supervisor. Members conducting foot patrol shall notify communications that they are on foot patrol.
11. Perform security checks.
12. Other duties as assigned.

ASSIGNMENTS

Members shall be assigned to work shifts as determined by their Division Commander.

Shift Supervisors shall be responsible for patrol sector assignments.
Shift Supervisors may rotate or switch sector assignments at their discretion.
Members may have their normal work schedule adjusted or realigned to fulfill manpower shortages or extra duty assignments.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSE TO SCENE

Supervisors are required to respond to the scene of an incident including, but not limited to the following:
1. When the need for coordination of ground, ground/air or ground/marine units are required.
2. For all major crimes and incidents including but not limited to:
   a. Homicide.
   b. Suicide and serious attempt.
   c. Kidnapping and abduction.
   d. Hostage/Barricade incident.
e. Departmental vehicle accident.
f. Any injury to a citizen, as a result of an Agency member’s action.
g. Serious injury to an Agency member.

- Lieutenant or above shall respond to the scene of an incident including, but not limited to, the following:
  1. Use of serious or deadly force.
  2. Line of duty death or serious injury.

INVESTIGATIONS

- Members shall conduct follow-up investigations as needed or directed.

- Members shall continue the assigned investigation until one of the following dispositions is achieved:
  1. As appropriate, victim requests no further action.
  2. Victim is referred to the civil court or personal attorney.
  3. Case is suspended due to no investigative leads.
  4. Investigation is referred to Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for further action (this does not prohibit Patrol Operations deputies from continuing efforts as requested during an investigation).
  5. Case is cleared by exceptional means.
  6. Incident is determined to be solely civil in nature.

- Members are responsible for follow-up or assistance until the case is adjudicated.

PATROL OPERATIONS

- Members shall request a detective to respond for the purpose of assuming responsibilities of a preliminary investigation, or to continue with a follow-up investigation, when one or more of the following crimes/incidents have been reported:
  1. Homicide.
  2. Successful or serious suicide attempt.
  3. Unattended death.
  4. Serious battery involving a deadly weapon and the suspect is not known.
  5. Serious sex offense.
  6. Burglary and related offenses when the value of stolen or vandalized property exceeds $5,000.00, or extenuating circumstances exist.
  7. Narcotics violation when an arrest was made and the offense includes distribution and/or seizure of money exceeding $100.00 and/or seizure of a vehicle.
  8. Any serious felony involving injury or the threat of deadly force (e.g., armed robbery).
  10. Kidnapping or abduction.
11. Incident of a serious nature involving an inmate under the care and control of the Harford County Detention Center (Correctional Services Bureau) including, but not limited to homicide, suicide, rape, serious assault, any death, etc.

12. An offense of a serious nature or sufficient potential of becoming serious if not immediately investigated further, and the offense is of such complexity that a Patrol Operations deputy cannot fully conduct the investigation properly.
   ● Any other request for CID personnel must be made by a Patrol Operations supervisor (i.e., Evidence Collection Unit).

FIELD INTERVIEWS
   ● When a person is stopped for the purpose of a field interview, a field interview form/FIR shall be completed.
   ● When a FIR is to be completed, the member shall notify the communications center.
   ● Each time a FIR is completed, a warrant check shall also be requested.
   ● A copy of all completed FIR’s shall be submitted to the member’s supervisor within twenty-four hours of completion.
   ● FIR information should be placed in the deputy’s iPAQ as soon as practical.

HAZMAT SITUATION
   ● Any member who encounters a real or potential hazard including a “hazmat” incident shall notify the communications center and his/her supervisor immediately.
   ● Once notification is made the member shall take the appropriate action to minimize and reduce the hazard to the public and him/herself.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTING AGENCIES
   ● Requests for any assisting agencies shall be made through the communications center including but not limited to:
     1. Medical Examiner/Coroner.
     2. State or County Highway Division.
     3. Harford County Department of Public Works.
     4. Harford County Animal Control.
     5. Fire Marshall’s Office.

LOCK JOCK
   ● A member shall respond and be authorized to utilize a lock jock in one or more of the following situations:
     1. Child locked in a vehicle.
     2. Animal locked in a vehicle.
   ● If a request is received that does not meet the criteria above, the Shift Supervisor shall determine whether a deputy responds.
   ● The responding deputy shall properly document the owner’s/operator’s information and any resulting damage, to the vehicle as a result of using a lock jock or similar device.
RESPONSE TO BANK ALARM

- Upon receipt of a bank alarm, a minimum of two (2) patrol vehicles shall respond to the scene.
- The dispatched patrol vehicles may respond Code 1 (emergency lights and siren), exercising discretion, unless otherwise directed.

NON-UNIFORMED MEMBER RESPONSE TO SCENE

- If non-uniformed (plain clothes) agency members respond and/or arrive at the scene of a bank alarm prior to uniformed members, they shall notify the communications section of their status and location and request this information be relayed to responding units.
- Initial contact with bank employees shall be conducted by uniformed members only and when practical.

IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

- During normal business hours, a bank alarm response shall not be terminated until the responding deputy personally verifies with bank employees that no emergency exists.

PATROL SECTORS AND REPORTING AREA

ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL

- A minimum number of Patrol Operations law enforcement members on duty at any given time shall be established by the Bureau Commander of Police Services and approved by the Sheriff.

PATROL SECTORS AND REPORTING AREAS

- The on-duty Shift Supervisor shall ensure that adequate coverage is provided for all areas of Harford County.
- Shift Supervisors shall be used to provide adequate coverage as required.
- An on-duty Shift Supervisor may collapse or combine sectors, making two (2) to three (3) specific sectors the assignment and responsibility of one (1) or more law enforcement members.

GEOGRAPHICAL SECTORS

- The described sector boundaries encompass Harford County in its entirety with sector assignment responsibilities restricted to land mass areas.
- In areas where a sector borders another sector, the dividing line shall be the center of the roadway.
- Sectors shall be further divided into smaller geographical areas designated as reporting districts.
- Reporting districts shall be used for statistical research data only.
- The Sectors are as follows:

ROADWAYS UTILIZED AS SECTOR BOUNDARIES WILL BE ENCOMPASSED BY THE SOUTHERN MOST AND THE EASTERN MOST ADJOINING SECTORS.
SECTOR 10
North: I-95 from Baltimore County line to Abingdon Road.
South: Aberdeen Proving Ground boundary.
East: Abingdon Road to Pulaski Highway (Rt. 40), west on Pulaski Highway (Rt. 40), to the 3400 block, all shoreline of Otter Point Creek to Aberdeen Proving Ground boundary.
West: Baltimore County line from I-95, south to Aberdeen Proving Ground boundary.

SECTOR 20
North: Churchville Road (Rt. 22) at Calvary Road (Rt. 136) to Aberdeen Town limits.
South: Southern most point of Perryman peninsula at APG boundary to Pulaski Highway, (Rt. 40).
East: Aberdeen town limits and APG boundary to the southern most tip of Perryman peninsula.
West: Calvary Road (Rt. 136) from Churchville Road (Rt. 22) to I-95 to Abingdon Road south to the 3400 block of Pulaski Highway (Rt. 40).

SECTOR 30
North: Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24) along the Bel Air town limits to MacPhail Road to Wheel Road to Fountain Green Road (Rt. 543) to Calvary Road (Rt.136).
South: From I-95 at Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24) to Calvary Road (Rt. 136).
East: Calvary Road (Rt. 136) at Fountain Green Road (Rt. 543) to I-95.
West: Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24) from Bel Air town limits to I-95.

SECTOR 40
North: Belair Road (Rt. 1) at the Baltimore County line to the Bel Air town limits.
South: I-95 from the Baltimore County line to the Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24).
East: Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24) from Bel Air town limits to I-95.
West: Baltimore County line at Belair Road (Rt.1) to I-95.

SECTOR 50
North: Conowingo Road (Rt. 1) at Ady Road (Rt. 543) to Ruffs Mill Road, to Thomas Run Road to Cool Spring Road to Priestford Road (Rt. 136).
South: Emmorton Bypass (Rt. 24) at the Bel Air town limits to Mac Phail to Wheel Road to Fountain Green Road (Rt. 543) to Calvary Road (Rt. 136).
East: Priestford Road (Rt. 136) at Cool Spring Road to Ady Road (Rt. 543).
West: Conowingo Road (Rt. 1) at Ady Road (Rt. 543) to Bel Air town limits to MacPhail Road.

*The Town of Bel Air and Sheriff’s Office Headquarters are included in Sector 50*
SECTOR 60
North: Priestford Road (Rt.136) at Harmony Church Road to Darlington Road (Rt. 161) to the Deer Creek along the northern boundary of the Susquehanna State Park to the Susquehanna River.
South: Priestford Road (Rt. 136) at Churchville Road (Rt. 22) to the Aberdeen town limits to Swan Creek.
East: Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River to Priestford Road (Rt. 136).
West: Priestford Road (Rt. 136) at Harmony Church Road to Churchville Road (Rt.22).

SECTOR 70
North: Jarrettsville Pike (Rt. 146) at Baltimore County line to Fallston Road (Rt. 152) to Furnace Road to Baldwin Mill Road (Rt. 165) to East-West Highway (Rt. 23) to Granary Road to Conowingo Road (Rt. 1).
South: Belair Road (Rt. 1) at Baltimore County line to Bel Air town limits.
East: Granary Road to Conowingo Road (Rt. 1) to the Bel Air town limits.
West: Baltimore County line from Jarrettsville Pike (Rt. 146) to Bel Air Road (Rt. 1).

SECTOR 80
North: Pennsylvania State line at Long Corner Road to Fawn Grove Road.
South: Jarrettsville Pike (Rt. 146) from Baltimore County line to Fallston Road.
East: Fawn Grove Road at Pennsylvania state line to Federal Hill Rd. (Rt. 165) to East-West Highway (Rt. 23).
West: Baltimore County line at Pennsylvania state line to Jarrettsville Pike (Rt. 146).

SECTOR 90
North: Pennsylvania State Line at Fawn Grove Road to Federal Hill Road (Rt. 165) to East-West Highway (Rt. 23).
South: East-West Highway (Rt. 23) at Baldwin Mill Road (Rt. 165) to Granary Road to Conowingo Road (Rt. 1) to Ady Road (Rt. 543).
East: Pennsylvania State line at Pylesville Road (Rt. 165) to Ady Rd. (Rt.543) to Conowingo Road (Rt.1).
West: Fawn Grove Road at Pennsylvania State line to Federal Hill Road (Rt. 165) to East-West Highway (Rt. 23).

SECTOR 100
North: Pennsylvania State line at Pylesville Hill Road (Rt. 165) to Susquehanna River.
South: Conowingo Road (Rt. 1) at Ady Road (Rt. 543) to Ruffs Mill Road to Thomas Run Road to Cool Spring Road to Priestford Road (Rt. 136) to Harmony Church Road to Darlington Road (Rt. 161) to the Deer Creek along the northern boundary of the Susquehanna State Park to the Susquehanna River.
East: Susquehanna River at Pennsylvania State line to Susquehanna State Park.
West: Pylesville Road (Rt.165) at Pennsylvania State line to Ady Road (Rt. 543) to Conowingo Rd. (Rt. 1)