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TRANSIT POLICING DIVISION

2-13/000.00 TRANSIT POLICING DIVISION

This section outlines the functions and responsibilities of the Transit Policing Division.

2-13/010.00 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Transit Policing Division is comprised of Transit Bureau North, Transit Bureau South, and Metrolink.

These units are responsible for the performance of the basic police tasks of protecting life and property, preserving the peace, preventing and suppressing crime, and the apprehension of violators of the law for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink).

2-13/020.00 TRANSIT BUREAU

These bureaus provide law enforcement services to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) on all Metro light and heavy rail commuter trains and Metro buses throughout Los Angeles County. The commanding officer of the Transit Metro contract, contractually designated as the Metro Chief of Transit Police, is located at the Transit Headquarters Unit. The Headquarters Unit is responsible for the detective, training, and scheduling functions as well as mental health and canine teams that work throughout the transit system. The bureau is functionally divided into two autonomous units, Transit Bureau North and Transit Bureau South. Each one commanded by its own unit commander.

Responsibilities of these bureaus are:

- Providing general law enforcement services and security for designated Metro bus and rail properties, equipment, and facilities;
- Enforcing bus and rail fare compliance as may be requested;
- Projecting a positive and proactive image of safety and security for mass transit systems and transit patrons in Los Angeles County;
- Utilizing special problems units, focusing on vandalism, graffiti, and tagging on Metro properties and facilities;
- Providing gun and explosives detection K-9 units to Metro and Metrolink; and
- Providing crisis response units (Mental Health Team) to transit patrons.

2-13/030.00 METROLINK

This unit provides law enforcement services to the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink). Functional supervision of this unit is handled by the Transit Services Bureau North unit commander. Responsibilities include:

- Security to rail equipment and facilities;
- Safe, secure environment for rail patrons;
- Enforcing rail fare compliance as may be requested; and

Investigating all incidents of crime occurring on board Metrolink trains and Southern California Regional Rail Authority property.