
Organizational Structure and Responsibility

200.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The organizational structure of the Seaside Police Department is designed to create an efficient means to accomplish our mission and goals, and to provide for the best possible service to the public.

200.2 BUREAUS

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering and managing the Seaside Police Department. There are two bureaus in the Police Department as follows:

- Bureau of Field Operations
- Bureau of Support Services

200.2.1 BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS

The Field Operations Bureau is commanded by a Deputy Chief whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that bureau. The Field Operations Bureau consists of Uniformed Patrol and Special Operations which includes: Investigations, Traffic, Vehicle Abatement, Animal Control, Community Services and Jail Operations. The Field Operations Bureau Deputy Chief will be the Department's liaison to the Monterey County Communications Center.

200.2.2 BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Bureau is commanded by the Administrative Services Manager whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Support Services Bureau. The Support Services Bureau consists of Records, Training, Finances, and Property and Evidence.

200.3 COMMAND PROTOCOL

200.3.1 SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

The Chief of Police exercises command over all personnel in the Department. During planned absences the Chief of Police will designate an acting Chief of Police.

Except when designated as above, the order of command authority in the absence or unavailability of the Chief of Police is as follows:

- (a) Deputy Chief
- (b) Patrol Commander
- (c) Investigations Commander
- (d) Watch Commander

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200.3.2 UNITY OF COMMAND

The principles of unity of command ensure efficient supervision and control within the Department. Generally, each employee shall be accountable to one supervisor at any time for a given assignment or responsibility. Except where specifically delegated authority may exist by policy or special assignment (e.g., K-9, SWAT), any supervisor may temporarily direct any subordinate if an operational necessity exists.

200.3.3 ORDERS

Members shall respond to and make a good faith and reasonable effort to comply with the lawful order of superior officers and other proper authority.