

## Patrol Commanders

### 420.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the designation of a Patrol Commander and, as needed, an acting Patrol Commander for each shift.

### 420.2 POLICY

Each shift will be directed by a Patrol Commander capable of making decisions and managing in a manner consistent with the mission of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Department. To accomplish this, a Lieutenant shall be designated as the Patrol Commander for each shift.

### 420.3 DESIGNATION AS ACTING PATROL COMMANDER

With prior authorization from the Patrol Commander, generally when a Lieutenant is unavailable for duty as Patrol Commander, a qualified lower-ranking member shall be designated as acting Patrol Commander in accordance with the terms of applicable memorandums of understanding or collective bargaining agreements.

### 420.4 PATROL COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Patrol Commander shall have overall responsibility and accountability for the operation of this department on an assigned shift. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Ensuring sufficient members are on-duty to accomplish the mission of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Department.
- (b) Providing command-level oversight of major crime scenes, tactical situations or disasters.
- (c) Establishing service level priorities.
- (d) Providing job-related training and guidance to subordinates.
- (e) Acquiring outside resources or providing assistance to other agencies, when applicable.
- (f) Handling service inquiries or complaints from the public.
- (g) Acting as the Communications and Community Relations Office when appropriate.
- (h) Managing risk exposure.
- (i) Ensuring the security of all department facilities.
- (j) Ensuring the proper equipment and vehicles are available for member use.
- (k) Representing the Department at community functions.