
Daily Beat and Call Assignments

401.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Daily beat assignments shall be determined during daily briefings. Watch Commanders should generally allow officers to choose their beat assignments based on seniority. The city is broken into three distinct beats, and at least one officer shall be assigned to each beat. When four or more officers are available for beat assignment, the Watch Commander will have the discretion of assigning either an "Adam" unit to a beat (e.g. 61a or 71a) or assigning a "Four" unit (e.g. 64 or 74) or a combination of both.

401.1.1 BEAT ASSIGNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

Beat assignment responsibility shall be as follows:

- (a) Officers assigned to the same beat, regardless of their call sign and seniority, shall be equally responsible for calls for service or any other work assignments within their beats.
- (b) Officers assigned as a "Four" unit should be considered a "Rover" unit. Rover units should be assigned as a primary handling unit in any of the three beats when units assigned to those beats are unavailable. However, supervisors have the discretion to assign the "Four", or "Rover" unit as the handling unit on any call for service, regardless of whether or not the primary beat unit is available.

Officers who have questions or concerns regarding their assignment to a particular call shall not call, MDC, text or speak directly to a dispatcher. Officers are required to contact their supervisors via their chain of command regarding their concerns. Officers and Dispatchers shall have no discretion to override this policy.

401.1.2 SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervisors will ensure that an officer's seniority will only be considered when choosing a beat assignment during briefing and that seniority will not be considered when calls for service are dispatched. Supervisors will ensure that officers may voluntarily take the majority of the responsibility within their beat in consideration of a partner officer's "Friday" however; consideration of an officer's "Friday" is neither expected nor required of or by anyone within the organization.