

## Watch Commanders

### **445.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Each patrol shift must be directed by supervisors who are capable of making decisions and communicating in a manner consistent with departmental policies, procedures, practices, functions and objectives. To accomplish this goal, a Lieutenant heads each watch.

### **445.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING PATROL LIEUTENANT**

When a lieutenant is unavailable for duty as Watch Commander, in most instances the senior qualified sergeant shall be designated as acting Watch Commander. This policy does not preclude designating sergeants with less seniority as an acting Watch Commander when operational needs require, or training permits.