TO: All Port Police Personnel

SUBJECT: Behavioral Science Services

The most valuable resource of the Los Angeles Port Police (LAPP) is its employees. Under an agreement with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the LAPD’s Behavioral Science Services (BSS) Unit will provide professional clinical debriefing and psychological services to LAPP employees and their families. These services are intended to address potential behavioral health concerns and prevent negative psychological health effects that may result from difficult responses or critical incidents such as a line of duty death or critical injury, an officer-involved shooting, or a categorical use of force. They are also available for personal and family related issues including substance abuse. LAPD’s BSS Unit staff have extensive experience in providing behavioral science services to law enforcement agency employees.

Referrals
Port Police employees that wish to receive BSS Unit clinical services can either contact a Port Police Peer Support Advisor or contact the BSS Unit directly. Supervisors, Commanding Officers, or employees that have concerns about a fellow Port Police employee and would like to inquire about BSS clinical services for that person, should contact a Peer Support Advisor.

BSS Unit Contact Information and Hours of Operation
BSS Unit clinical services will be provided at the BSS Unit headquarters, located in Los Angeles at 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 650. Additional locations for response will be determined by the nature of the request. Regular office hours are from 0730 hours to 1700 hours, Monday through Friday. The BSS Unit is closed for City holidays. BSS Unit clinical services are available during non-working hours when needed. The BSS Unit phone number is (213) 486-0790. Contact LAPD’s DOC Communications Division at (213) 485-7088 for referral to the on call psychologist during non-working hours.
Confidentiality
Communication with Peer Support Advisors is considered confidential except for instances where law requires divulgence. These instances include danger to self, danger to others, suspected child abuse, narcotic offenses, domestic violence, and suspected elder abuse.

BSS employs licensed psychologists who may maintain a higher level of confidentiality. However, BSS psychologists are also obligated to report suspected child and elder abuse. They may also report when you are a danger to yourself or others. Prior to any discussion with a Peer Support Advisor or a BSS Unit staff member, employees should be certain that they fully understand the terms of confidentiality.

Program Administration
This program will be overseen by the Peer Support Program Coordinator. Administrative support for the program will be provided by the Administrative Services Group.

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