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SPECIAL ORDER 17-05

TO: All Port Police Personnel

SUBJECT: New Policy 413 Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection

Effective immediately, new Policy 413 shall be implemented. Policy 413 implements the LAPP's Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection (PRND) program including the deployment of Personal Radiation Detector (PRD) sensors.

All staff is directed to read and be familiar with the attached new policy which will be incorporated into the Policy Manual at its next publication.

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THOMAS E. GAZSI
Chief of Police

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Preventative Radiological/Nuclear Detection

413.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Los Angeles Port Police conducts preventative radiological/nuclear detection (PRND) operations within the Port of Los Angeles to prevent radiological/nuclear terrorist incidents and to support a global architecture of radiological/nuclear security. These operations are conducted in coordination with the Department of Nuclear Detection Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Securing the Cities grant program.

413.2 PRDN SCREENING

Port Police officers will be deployed either as primary or secondary PRND screeners. Screening operations will be conducted with the intent of interdicting illicit radiological/nuclear materials at the earliest point of detection, and may include contact with shipments, conveyances, or involved individuals. Officers conducting PRND screening will be equipped with a Personal Radiation Detector (PRD).

413.2.1 PRIMARY SCREENING

Primary PRND screening will be conducted by officers from units other than the Hazardous Materials Unit (HMU) that are members of the Port Police PRND Group. These officers will carry and monitor a PRD during their normal duties in the field. Primary screening is generally conducted as an ancillary function of an officer's primary duties or during the course of patrols. In the event of a PRD alarm, primary screening officers are to notify dispatch and request an additional PRD equipped unit. Following a confirmed PRD alarm, response measures will be taken to locate and identify the source of the alarm. If an officer is unable to identify the source of the alarm and adjudicate it, they shall request a secondary screening team to assist in the response.

413.2.2 SECONDARY SCREENING

Secondary PRND screening will be conducted by HMU members. Secondary screening team members shall respond and assist in locating, identifying and adjudicating PRD alarms using radiological isotope identification devices. Secondary teams shall notify the Southern California Radiological Intake Center of the incident and, when necessary, may initiate "reachback" support via the Los Angeles County Public Health Radiation Management Department. Secondary screening teams will consist of the on-duty or on-call HMU officer, in conjunction with an LAFD representative from the Joint Hazard Assessment Team and a representative from the Los Angeles Department of Public Health/Radiation Management when applicable. These teams are available for response on a 24/7 basis and can be contacted via the HMU.

413.3 PRD ISSUANCE AND MAINTENANCE

The PRD is an instrument that can detect the presence of radiation in the environment, on the surface of people and/or inside a person or property. Officers identified as primary screeners will receive the required training and be issued a PRD. The PRD shall be worn on the duty belt at all times while the officer is in the field. Officers that have been issued a PRD are responsible to ensure that it is maintained in proper working order and is functioning correctly prior to taking it into the field. This will include periodically checking the PRD power level and performing weekly radiological sample tests. Port Police

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PRDs are powered by AA batteries that will power a PRD for approximately 1000 hours of operation. A radiological check source test sample is available in HMU. In the event of PRD malfunction or damage, it shall be brought to the immediate attention of HMU personnel for repair or replacement.

413.4 TRAINING

Prior to carrying a PRD in the field, primary and secondary screeners shall attend the PRD Operations Course and the Radiation Awareness Course. These courses cover the concepts of PRD alarms, verification, location and measurement methods, as well as preliminary adjudication procedures.