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**SPECIAL ORDER 17-09**

**TO: All Port Police Personnel**

**SUBJECT: New Policy 463 Blue Check Devices**

Effective immediately, new Policy 463 shall be implemented. Policy 463 provides direction regarding the deployment and use of Blue Check mobile identification equipment.

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



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# Policy 463

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#### 463.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Mobile identification (Mobile ID or MID) equipment is designed to aid law enforcement personnel in the identification of persons through the evaluation of fingerprints.

Mobile fingerprint scanners are issued by the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) unit who is responsible for managing the mobile identification program.

Mobile fingerprint scanners verify a person's identity by conducting an automatic search of the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (Regional AFIS), or Criminal Offender Registrant Index (C.O.R.I.), and other criminal history data bases.

#### 463.2 POLICY

Mobile identification devices shall only be used in circumstances in which an officer has the suspect's consent, or the officer has probable cause to arrest the person.

Force is not authorized to solely effect the use of a mobile identification device. This does not apply to obtaining fingerprints using force as directed by a supervisor in a jail or booking situation.

Mobile identification technology shall not be used as the sole criteria for confirming a person's identity. The identification information provided by the use of mobile identification technology is considered to be supplemental information, and shall be used to compare, evaluate, and/or corroborate information obtained through other investigative methods.

Mobile identification data is only an aid to the identification of a person. Information received from a mobile identification system shall not be used as the sole grounds for establishing probable cause for arrest.

#### 463.3 ADMINISTRATION

Mobile identification equipment is administered by the Emergency Management and Operations Group, Patrol Operations Division Technology Unit and shall be maintained in the kit room. Each supervisor issuing the equipment shall complete the master log of their mobile fingerprint scanners and who they are assigned to on each shift, and when returned.

#### 463.4 OPERATIONS

Only individuals who have CLETS access authorized by the department are authorized to access or use the devices.

The use of a mobile identification device in the field is discretionary and officers are not required to use the device in situations where officer safety would be compromised.

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#### **463.5 DATA COLLECTION, RETENTION AND RELEASE**

The Mobile ID search and response information will be limited to authorized criminal justice agencies for criminal justice purposes. The Mobile ID search and response information is considered CORI; therefore, all CORI rules regarding access to data apply.

#### **463.6 ACCOUNTABILITY**

If a mobile fingerprint scanner is not in use due to equipment/network failure, personnel shall:

1. Notify the watch sergeant,
2. Enter the issue and notification into master log.

If any of the mobile fingerprint scanners are damaged, lost, or stolen, immediate notification shall be made to the watch sergeant and an appropriate crime or incident report shall be written and a copy forwarded to The Patrol Operations Division Technology Unit which is responsible for notifying LACRIS.

#### **463.7 TRAINING**

Only personnel who have received familiarization training in the use of tactical identification equipment shall be authorized to access and operate mobile identification equipment and data.

Only personnel who have successfully taken and passed the bi-annual LESS THAN FULL ACCESS OPERATOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION for CLETS access shall be authorized to access and operate mobile identification equipment and data.