



# Training Bulletin

Los Angeles Port Police

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## PURPOSE:

The Maritime Operational Proficiency Program for Lieutenants and below was announced in September 2020. Implementation of this program was deferred because of the restrictions on in-person training and the extensive efforts we are undertaking to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Until we resume this training in person aboard a vessel, we are introducing a Virtual Maritime Operational Proficiency Program. The Maritime Unit will produce short videos to refresh perishable knowledge, skills, and abilities that would have been covered during in-person training.

We have received positive feedback on the videos and will continue to issue occasional training videos even after in person training starts again on June 20, 2021.

## PROCEDURE:

1. Training will issue a notification of training via the LEFTA training management portal.
2. Officers will follow the instructions to:
  - a. Complete the training by viewing the assigned video, and
  - b. Acknowledge the training by documenting it in the LEFTA system.

## POLICY:

See the two memos dated September 14, 2020:

1. MARITIME OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY PROGRAM - Officers and Sergeants
2. MARITIME OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY PROGRAM - Lieutenants

## OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Complete the required training by the due date and confirm it in the LEFTA system.

## TRAINING VIDEOS/AIDS:

For **JUNE 2021**, the training consists of a short video reviewing how to approach the dock with a patrol vessel.

To view the required video, open the below folder from a station computer:



Review the video file: Jet Dock Part II

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2020

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**SUBJECT: MARITIME OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY PROGRAM – Officers and Sergeants**

The Port of Los Angeles is one of the world’s largest and busiest Ports. It is a unique operating environment encompassing a myriad of commercial, industrial, and recreational uses on and around the waterfront. Waterborne incidents pose challenges that require current fluency with response equipment. It is vital that all Port Police Officers and Sergeants maintain operational readiness in the maritime field.

All Port Police Officers and Sergeants are required to maintain competence in both land and water operations. In order to maintain the requisite knowledge, skills, a proficiency qualification program will be required to refresh this knowledge. All Port Police Officers and Sergeants will be scheduled for and complete a periodic field level equipment and capability refresher that will enhance and improve their capability of responding to, operating necessary equipment, to respond to a waterborne event or tactical situation.

Therefore, in order to maintain basic maritime response knowledge, the following procedure is in effect

1. All Sergeants, not currently assigned to the Maritime Operations Division (MOD), who have completed the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center - Basic Maritime Operators Course will be scheduled to complete no less than one eight (8) hour shift assigned to a primary MOD patrol boat once each deployment period. This will coincide with the published deployment calendar. The assignment will be on a regularly scheduled workday and will generally be the first eight (8) hours of the shift to ensure that launching and getting underway capabilities are reviewed. In-service training will be conducted to ensure maritime capabilities are maintained at an operator level.
2. All Officers, not currently assigned to MOD, who have completed the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center - Basic Maritime Operators Course will be scheduled to complete no less than one regularly scheduled work shift assigned to a primary MOD patrol boat once a deployment period. This will be on a regularly scheduled workday. In-service training will be conducted to ensure maritime capabilities are maintained at an operator level.

**SCHEDULING AND DOCUMENTATION:** The InTime scheduling system will be used for scheduling shifts and documenting that they were worked. It is the responsibility of each Division Commander to coordinate with MOD supervision to ensure that personnel under their command are scheduled for and complete this assignment, and that the InTime record is correctly tagged using the current InTime procedures. At this time the hours worked on this assignment shall use the “Marine Qualification” tag per the below instructions:

Instructions for entering “Marine Qualification” into InTime:

- All persons working “Marine Qualification” will work it on their normal workday. Therefore, leave the normal work shift in In Time. **Do not change it to a training day**
- Change the **Location** to the Marine call sign (Marine 12, Marine 13, etc.)
- Change the **Activity** to “Marine Qualification”
- Change the **Unit** to the correct Marine unit for the day
- In the **Note** section add “Marine Qualification”

The assignments will generally be posted in InTime two weeks in advance in order to allow time to de-conflict other commitments. This does not change the expectation for supervisors to continue to direct any staff to perform a required assignment based on mission and deployment considerations, including minimum deployment.

There may be times where an Officer or Sergeant is scheduled to work a boat as regular duty. This shift may be counted to fulfill this requirement.

Once the schedule is posted this assignment should be considered a primary duty.

Division Commanders are required to ensure that their personnel complete the assigned shifts. Division Commanders are allowed to modify the scheduled shifts to accommodate scheduling and deployment needs. They will be required to reschedule any officer who misses for any reason. Special allowances or extension of time to fulfill this requirement may be made for good cause on a case by case basis. Examples of good cause would include officers on long term IOD or light duty.

Any missed qualification shift should be completed during the current deployment period. A Division Commander may however grant a reasonable extension if they deem it necessary.

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All Port Police Officers are required to maintain competence in both land and water operations. In order to maintain the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a Port Police Lieutenant, a proficiency qualification program will be required to refresh this knowledge. All Lieutenants will be scheduled for and complete a periodic field level equipment and capability refresher that will enhance and improve their capability of responding to, operating necessary equipment, and assuming command of any waterborne event or tactical situation.

Therefore, in order to maintain basic maritime response knowledge, the following procedure is in effect:

1. All Lieutenants who have attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center -Basic Maritime Operators Course and received a certificate will be scheduled to complete no less than one four (4) hour shift with an on-duty Marine Unit each Deployment Period. This will coincide with the published deployment calendar. The assignment will be on a regularly scheduled workday.
2. In-service orientation or training will be conducted to ensure that maritime capabilities are maintained at a level of competency to respond to and command a maritime incident. Examples of in-service training for Lieutenants include, overview of equipment and capabilities, vessel launch and start-up procedures, maritime area orientation, electronic navigation, and underway procedures.

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