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FOR SIGNATURE OF: Todd A. Bettison, Chief of Police

TYPE OF DIRECTIVE: Manual Directive 201.1

SUBJECT: PATROL

ORIGINATED OR REQUESTED BY: Planning, Research, and Deployment

APPROVALS OR COMMENTS:

The contents of the above manual directive, in part, were previously reviewed and approved by attendees of a Policy Focus Group consisting of members of Professional Development Bureau (PDB), Planning, Research, and Deployment (PRD), Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC), and additional members of the Detroit Police Department (DPD). Revisions are indicated with italics. This newly revised directive will rescind the current Patrol policy, 201.1.

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The title of Directive **201.1 PATROL** was changed to **201.1 UNIFORMED PATROL**

201.1 Purpose – this section was condensed and simplified because the previous purpose was outdated and did not align with the overall purpose of the policy. The new language is as follows: *The purpose of this Directive is to set forth guidelines and procedures for uniformed patrol.*

201.1 – 2 Policy – the section was expanded to elaborate how department uses data, historical crimes trends, to assist commands with scheduling the appropriate personnel working patrol for each shift. This section also briefly touches on the duties of members while on patrol.

201.1 - 3 Reporting for Duty is now **201.1 - 3 Roll Call** (previously 201.4) – the sub-sections in this section were removed, decreased, and or moved to another

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area of the directive. The sub-sections that remain are related to the section and they are as follows: **201.1 - 3.1 Assembly of Personnel, 201.1 - 3.2 Inspections, 201.1 - 3.3 Disseminating Orders, 201.1 - 3.4 Roll Call Training, and 201.1 - 3.5 Off-Duty Roll Call.**

201.1 - 4 Vehicular Patrol (previously 201.1 – 5) – this section was condensed, but better clarifies what department members do to prepare for patrol and while on patrol. Part “e” Be aware of all radio runs dispatched; was removed. Language in the sub-section was revised for clarity, expanded in areas, and better elaborates what is expected of members that work on patrol (i.e. what they communicate to dispatch).

201.1 - 5 Foot Patrol (previously 201.1 – 6) – the coding number was changed.

201.1 - 6 Radio Runs (previously 201.1 – 10) – letters “h” through “j” were removed and the sub-sections were transitioned to other areas more fitting in the directive or eliminated for repetitiveness in other directives in the department manual. **201.1 - 10.1 Michigan Crime Victim’s Rights Act** and **201.1 - 10.2 CAD and Radio Procedures** are no longer sub-sections under Radio Runs.

201.1 – 7 Investigating Neglect (previously 201.1 – 9) – the language in this section was changed, the new language follows: *Officers shall engage in patrol functions with the utmost diligence. Any officer found to have neglected their duties may be subject to disciplinary action. Supervisors shall initiate appropriate corrective action in the event an officer is found to have neglected his / her duty.*

201.1 – 8 Michigan Crime Victim’s Rights Act (previously sub-section 201.1 - 10.1) – and is now a section of the directive because of its importance.

201.1 - 9 Fire Hydrants (previously 201.1 – 12) – the following language was added: The zone dispatcher shall relay the information to the Detroit Fire Department dispatcher *and the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department.*

201.1 - 11 Civil Process (previously 201.1 – 14) – the language was condensed to be digestible and better understood, **201.1 – 11.1 Generally** sub-section was added for a clearer understanding of members responsibilities. **201.1 - 11.2 - Requests by Bailiffs, 36th District Court Officers, and City Officials** - Numbers 1 through 5 were broken down to 7 *smaller sections*. **201.1 - 14.2 Civil Disputes** sub-section was removed from **201.1 – 14.**

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201.1 - 11.3 Failure to Pay Child Support (previously 201.1 – 14.3) language was reduced and sub-coding section was changed.

201.1 - 13 Proper Identification by Members (previously 201.1 – 16) – the following language was added for clarity: 1. *Officers encountering individuals claiming to be undercover police officers shall request information sufficient to verify the individual's status as a law enforcement officer. Officers shall obtain assistance from a supervisor in verifying this information.* 3. *Officers being investigated shall, upon request, remain at the scene pending the arrival of a supervisor.*

This directive was reduced from 14 pages to 6 and provides department members with a clear, more concise, policy for **Uniformed Patrol**.

201.1 – 15 Delta Codes – was removed because the information is detailed in directive 301.1 Radio Procedure.

201.1 – 17 Damage to Citizen's Property – was removed because the information is explained in detail in directive 102.6 Citizen Complaints.

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UNIFORMED PATROL**201.1 - 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Directive is to set forth guidelines and procedures for uniformed patrol.

201.1 - 2 POLICY

The DPD will utilize a data-driven approach to allocating patrol resources. This approach may include analysis of historical crime trends, 911 call volume, as well as special events taking place in the area. Data analysis will be conducted with appropriate safeguards in place to mitigate potential biases. The Department will conduct periodic reviews of its methodologies to ensure fairness, transparency, and effectiveness. The commanding officer shall ensure that personnel assignments are issued based on the Department's current patterns and trends, including minimum staffing requirements and focus areas.

Officers not busy on police runs, special attentions, or other assignments shall patrol their assigned areas. The purpose of patrol is to deter criminal conduct through uniformed presence and direct enforcement. Close and careful observation, meticulous note-taking and report writing, and familiarity with the area are the principal functions of every patrol officer.

201.1 - 3 Roll Call

Precincts and certain specialized commands within the Department shall conduct roll call in order to ensure all personnel is present, properly equipped, and fit for duty. The supervisor assigned to conduct roll call will provide members with their respective assignments, conduct a uniform inspection, issue roll call training, and disseminate information relevant to the precinct's crime trends.

201.1 - 3.1 Assembly of Personnel

Shift personnel shall assemble at the beginning of their shift in the area designated for roll call.

201.1 Uniformed Patrol**201.1 - 3.2 Inspections**

1. After assignments have been issued, the supervisor will conduct inspections to ensure that personnel meet departmental standards regarding uniform appearance, equipment, and grooming. Specific areas of inspections will include uniform cleanliness and condition, proper display of badges and name tags, operational readiness of equipment (e.g., body-worn cameras, firearms, identification cards, and radios), and compliance with grooming standards as outlined in Directive 303.5.
2. Appropriate corrective action shall be taken against any member found to be deficient during roll call inspection.

201.1 - 3.3 Disseminating Orders

Following the inspection, all pertinent directives, orders, and special instructions shall be read. This will include Department orders, special attentions, teletypes, etc. Orders which are lengthy shall be summarized by the supervisor conducting roll call.

201.1 - 3.4 Roll Call Training

Roll call training may include audio/visual programs, special instructions of local nature, review of general procedures, or any other area of general training interest as time permits.

201.1 - 3.5 Off-Duty Roll Call

Off-duty roll call is conducted in order to disseminate pertinent information, account for all personnel and equipment, and ensure that all reports have been properly submitted and approved. Once the functions of off-duty roll call are completed, the platoon shall be dismissed.

201.1 - 4 Vehicular Patrol

Following on-duty roll call, personnel shall report to their assigned vehicles. Members are responsible for inspecting their vehicle in accordance with *Directive 303.1*. Prior to going out on patrol, members shall—

- a. Sign on to the Mobile Computer Terminal (MCT) system. This should automatically initiate an Officer Daily Report.
- b. Dock the body-worn cameras to ensure they are properly synced with the video system.
- c. Complete a video introduction on body-worn camera and in-car video systems.
- d. Conduct the appropriate TASER inspection.

Members shall notify dispatch when they do not have a vehicle available, are awaiting a vehicle delayed from the prior shift or when waiting for the arrival of their partner.

201.1 Uniformed Patrol

Officers performing routine patrol functions shall:

- a. Be aware and prioritize response to calls for service.
- b. Patrol high-crime areas and locations as directed, remaining cognizant of suspicious vehicles and persons.
- c. Take direct enforcement action where appropriate.
- d. Check areas warranting special attention (residences, businesses, etc.).
- e. Vary patrol patterns.
- f. *Officers shall patrol every residential neighborhood with equal care, caution, and concern, regardless of the racial, economic, or social makeup of the neighborhood.*
- g. *Officers shall become acquainted with the identity of as many area residents as possible. This will enhance the effectiveness of service and the quality of life concerns of the community.*
- h. *Officers shall note the general address sequence of residential areas.*
- i. *Observe and be where needed, support other patrol officers in the area, especially those assigned to foot patrol, stationary traffic duty, and one-person (e.g., "Adam") units.*

201.1 - 4.1 One Person Unit (Adam Unit)

1. One Person Units (Adam Units) are scout cars to which one officer is assigned.
2. If a situation appears to require more than one officer, Adam Units shall request assistance via police radio and wait for the arrival of additional officers if the situation permits.
3. Adam units may respond to a radio run given to a two member unit but only as a backup officer. Adam Units shall notify dispatch of their intent to respond and must wait until the two-person unit arrives at the scene.
4. Adam Units will operate under the following schedule: April 1 through September 30 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; October 1 through March 31 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

201.1 - 5 Foot Patrol

Generally, foot patrol provides more person-to-person contact, better familiarity with neighborhoods, personnel for immediate traffic control needs, and the ability to patrol in those locations normally inaccessible to patrol vehicles. Foot beat officers shall:

- a. Walk on the sidewalk facing traffic whenever possible;
- b. Check all doors and accessible windows of closed businesses;
- c. Check fire escapes and other points of access for roof-type burglaries;
- d. Investigate suspicious articles or materials;
- e. Step out of the mainstream of pedestrian traffic occasionally and observe conditions; and
- f. Vary patterns of patrol.

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201.1 - 6 Radio Runs

Patrol officers shall be alert and maintain visualization of their partner whenever possible. They shall conduct all investigations in a professional and courteous manner. Patrol officers responding to radio runs shall:

- a. Not stop their vehicle directly in front of the address to which they have been dispatched;
- b. Treat each call for service to a location as if the possibility of danger exists;
- c. Not stand together or directly in front of windows and doors when dispatched to an address;
- d. Check the front and rear of the building when dispatched to an address;
- e. Not blockade any street with police vehicles, making necessary and rapid departure by other police or emergency vehicles difficult or impossible;
- f. Upon receiving information regarding perpetrators from officers dispatched to a crime scene, other officers in the vicinity shall patrol the perimeter of the crime scene and other possible escape routes to assist in locating and apprehending the offender; and
- g. In responding to any radio run, officers shall observe safe driving habits.

201.1 - 7 Investigating Neglect

Officers shall engage in patrol functions with the utmost diligence. Any officer found to have neglected their duties may be subject to disciplinary action. Supervisors shall initiate appropriate corrective action in the event an officer is found to have neglected his / her duty.

201.1 - 8 Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act

1. Any *member* taking a complaint of an offense, which is a felony or serious misdemeanor, shall provide the complainant with the Crime Victim Assistance Program card, (DPD110), to advise the victim of the rights granted under the Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act.
2. The officer providing the card shall insert the name and telephone number of the appropriate investigative command in the space provided at the bottom of the card.
3. If the victim is a minor or legally incapacitated the card shall be given to the victim's parent, guardian or custodian.
4. If the victim is deceased, the card shall be given to the first applicable relative in the order listed, provided the relative is not the suspect (spouse, adult child, parent, sibling, or grandparent).

201.1 Uniformed Patrol**201.1 - 9 Fire Hydrants**

Any member encountering frozen, leaking, damaged, or otherwise inoperable fire hydrants shall immediately notify the zone dispatcher of the location of the hydrant and nature of the damage. The zone dispatcher shall relay the information to the Detroit Fire Department dispatcher *and the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department*.

201.1 - 11 Civil Process**201.1 – 11.1 Generally**

1. Civil disputes generally involve disputes over money or property.
2. Members are not authorized to engage in civil disputes, except to inform the disputants that legal relief in the appropriate civil court is available.
3. Except where specifically authorized by DPD policy, members are prohibited from enforcing civil orders unless an order specifically directs the DPD or a particular member to take specific action.
4. Enforcement of civil orders, depending on their nature, are generally the responsibility of the county sheriff, court-appointed bailiffs, or 36th District Court officers.
5. Officers shall refer persons desiring process service for a civil matter to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, except where otherwise authorized by DPD procedures (e.g., service of PPOs).

201.1 – 11.2 Requests by Bailiffs, 36th District Court Officers, and City Officials

1. *Officers responding to assist bailiffs, 36th District Court officers, and city officials enforcing civil orders or engaged in civil disputes are only authorized to prevent or suppress a breach of peace.*
2. *Bailiffs, court officers, and city officials shall call 911 to obtain a police response in emergency circumstances. Direct contact with officers is prohibited except when circumstances are so serious that the time it would take to contact 911 could result in injury or death.*
3. *Officers will not be dispatched to requests for assistance unless a breach of the peace is imminent or unless the official must forcibly enter the premises.*
4. *The Department is expressly prohibited from issuing equipment (e.g., PREP radios) to bailiffs, court officers, or other city officials without authorization from the Chief of Police.*
5. *Members shall verify the identity of the bailiff, court officer, or city official upon arriving at the scene and request to see a copy of the order to be executed.*
6. *Members shall contact a supervisor if there is any question over the propriety of the order or what actions the order specifically allows the bailiff, court officer, or city official to take.*
7. *Arrests by bailiffs, court officers, or other officials will generally not be taken to the DDC. Arrests by members for crimes arising out of a breach of the peace shall be taken to the DDC and held in accordance with applicable DPD policies.*

201.1 - 11.3 Failure to Pay Child Support

DPD members are authorized to arrest an individual for failure to pay child support only when a warrant for the individual's arrest has been issued.

201.1 - 11.4 Repossession of Automobiles

1. A finance company may, by virtue of its contract, take or repossess a motor vehicle providing it can obtain peaceful possession. When an automobile is being seized on a writ of execution or a claim and delivery order, members shall investigate to determine the identification and authority of the person making service on the writ. If the person is vested with proper authority, the member shall be governed by the general rules in civil cases.
2. When a vehicle is repossessed, the person or company responsible for the repossession of the vehicle must immediately fax a copy of the LEIN holder's repossession order along with the date, time, and location of the repossession to Telephone Crime Reporting Unit (TCRU). Also included shall be the name of the repossession company, the driver, and a contact number for verification. Telephone Crime Reporting shall maintain this record for thirty (30) days.

201.1 - 12 Proper Identification by Members

1. Members on duty or while engaged in a Department matter shall, when requested by a citizen, promptly give their name and badge number in a courteous manner.

201.1 - 12.1 Plainclothes and Undercover Members

1. *Officers encountering individuals claiming to be undercover police officers shall request information sufficient to verify the individual's status as a law enforcement officer. Officers shall obtain assistance from a supervisor in verifying this information.*
2. Officers who stop another member, shall make proper notation on their *Officer's Daily Report*. If patrolling officers encounter difficulty under such circumstances, they shall call for a supervisor and appropriate action shall be taken.
3. When unusual circumstances exist, and if a strong doubt remains as to the proper identity of the member, investigating officers shall contact Communications Operations to ascertain, by name check, that the person is a member of the Detroit Police Department. If a doubt still remains as to the proper identity of the officer, the investigating officer shall contact the patrol supervisor or the ranking officer in the precinct of occurrence, who shall respond immediately to the scene. *Officers being investigated shall, upon request, remain at the scene pending the arrival of a supervisor.*