

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

GENERAL ORDER 100.24

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24-HOUR ROAD PATROL

1. POLICY. In keeping its purpose and objectives consistent with available resources, the Department will provide 24-hour road patrol on all highways over which it has jurisdiction.

2. DEFINITIONS.

- a. A 24-hour road patrol means patrol of a highway by an officer on duty and assigned to patrol, or available to respond to assignments on that highway.
- b. On-call assignment means assignment of an off-duty officer to respond to emergency calls during those hours, usually at night, when traffic flow volumes and calls for service do not justify 24-hour road patrol.

3. GENERAL.

- a. Area commanders shall maintain 24-hour road patrol coverage on all interstate highways, United States (US) 101, US 50, and State Route (SR) 99.
- b. On highways other than an interstate, US 101, US 50, and SR 99, conditions may require an Area to provide road patrol coverage at a level less than the 24 - hour optimum.
- c. With the exception of an interstate, US 101, US 50, and SR 99, Area commanders may redeploy road patrol coverage from selected highways and use “on-call” personnel for coverage after having objectively determined that a discontinuance of coverage (i.e., graveyard shift) will not significantly affect:

- (1) Loss of life, personal injury, and damage to property resulting from traffic accidents.

- (2) Delays to the motoring public resulting from impediments and congestion.
- (3) Crimes against the motoring public while on the highways.
- (4) Relationships with allied agencies.
- (5) Motorist services.

d. In Areas that do not have an interstate or any portion of US 101, US 50, or SR 99, Area commanders may eliminate all road patrol in their Area during specific periods of the day (e.g., graveyard; 0300-0600) by assigning an on-call officer with the approval of Division. Any plan designed to implement the provisions of this paragraph will include recommendations for the use of personnel thus made available, for the methods to be used to avoid undue public concern, and for an orderly transition to the change.

e. Divisions approving an Area's plan to eliminate all road patrol in that Area during specific periods of the day will inform Assistant Commissioner, Field, of the action taken.

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