

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

GENERAL ORDER 22.3

REVISED DECEMBER 2025

RESIDENT POSTS

1. POLICY. Creation, abolishment, or permanent changes in the authorized personnel of all Resident Posts will be approved by the Office of the Commissioner.

2. GENERAL.
 - a. Each Resident Post is a location within the jurisdiction of its “parent” Area command. Each Resident Post is remote from its Area command office, and it services nearby area and line beats for which the Area command is responsible. Sergeants and officers are assigned to Resident Posts according to departmental needs and responsibilities.

 - b. Resident Posts will be identified by the most prominent geographic name in the vicinity. For example, the Burney Resident Post.

 - c. Since Resident Posts are integral parts of an Area, they have no command status.

 - d. Annex A of this General Order (GO) lists approved Resident Posts, their parent Area commands, and their authorized personnel.

3. CREATION OF RESIDENT POSTS.
 - a. Resident Posts are created to facilitate or improve departmental operations. They may only be created in instances where the area to be served cannot be effectively served from either the Area office or another Resident Post.

 - b. Reasons for the creation of a Resident Post include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Overall area coverage.
 - (2) Round-the-clock collision coverage.
 - (3) Unusual enforcement problems.

- (4) Shifting population centers.
 - (5) Natural barriers such as rivers or lakes.
 - (6) Areas unreachable in certain seasons due to climatic conditions.
 - (7) Locations where effective traffic control would otherwise be impractical.
- c. Requests to create Resident Posts are usually initiated by Area commanders. They shall be in memorandum format, contain a full justification for such action, and be routed through channels for approval.
- d. Field Division Chiefs will review Area requests and recommend approval or disapproval. Disapproved requests will be returned with an explanation of the reason for such disapproval.
- e. Requests to create Resident Posts may also be initiated by field Division Chiefs.
- f. All commanders will be notified by headquarters once a Resident Post has been approved by the Office of the Commissioner and officially created. Notification will consist of the distribution of a revision to this GO.
- g. Abolishment of a Resident Post or permanent changes in personnel may be accomplished only by direction of the Commissioner. Requests for such actions shall be forwarded in the same manner as requests for creation.

4. ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER TO RESIDENT POSTS.

- a. Assignment to a Resident Post will normally be made from volunteers within the Area command having jurisdiction over the location. General Order 10.7, Field and Headquarters Assignments and Transfers Uniformed Employees, discusses:
- (1) The selection process when there are more volunteers than openings.
 - (2) Procedures to be followed when there are no qualified volunteers within the Area command.
 - (3) The duration of Resident Post assignments.
- b. Assignment to or from a Resident Post shall be made by the Area commander. Approval of the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Field, is required when expenses are involved.

- c. Whenever assignment to or from a Resident Post is requested and can be made without incurring state expense, the reassignment shall be effective upon approval of the Area commander. Area commanders shall submit a memorandum, through channels, to Human Resources Section to update assignments of uniformed personnel to or from a Resident Post. A sample memorandum is provided in Annex B.
- d. An employee desiring reassignment within an Area will submit such request to the Area commander by memorandum. The CHP 220, Request for Uniformed Transfer, will not be used for reassignment within an Area.
- e. Persons assigned to Resident Posts must be willing to work odd and unusual hours while responding to emergency calls. Resident Post personnel shall reside within the established boundaries of the Resident Post, except where permitted by Highway Patrol Manual 10.3, Personnel Transactions Manual, Chapter 4, Transfers and Residence Requirements. Assignments to a Resident Post shall be in accordance with GO 22.4, Conditions of Employment for Employees Assigned to Resident Post. All personnel assigned to Resident Posts will maintain a telephone, and the number shall be available at the communications center. Commanders shall establish procedures to ensure Resident Post personnel are available for calls.

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ANNEXES A, B

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ANNEX A

RESIDENT POSTS LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

	Resident Post	Parent Area	Authorized Personnel	
			Sergeant	Officer
1	Big Sur*	Monterey		2
2	Borrego Springs (Supervised by a sergeant at Ramona Resident Post)	El Cajon		2
3	Burney	Redding	1	5
4	Camp Nelson	Porterville		1
5	Challenge	Yuba-Sutter		2
6	Chester	Susanville	1	5
7	Death Valley* (Supervised by a sergeant at Lone Pine Resident Post)	Bishop		3
8	Dorris (If no sergeant, supervised by a sergeant at the Tulalake Resident Post)	Yreka	1**	2
9	Downieville	Grass Valley		2
10	Ebbetts Pass	San Andreas		2
11	Fort Bragg	Ukiah	1	4
12	Groveland	Sonora		3
13	Happy Camp	Yreka		2
14	Idyllwild	San Geronimo Pass		3
15	Indian Valley	Quincy		2
16	Inyokern	Mojave	1	7
17	Jacumba (Supervised by a sergeant at Ramona Resident Post)	El Cajon		4
18	Julian (Supervised by a sergeant at Ramona Resident Post)	El Cajon		3

*Assigned officers/sergeants should refer to General Order (GO) 22.4, Conditions of Employment for Employees Assigned to Resident Post, for conditions of employment relating to state-owned housing residency.
 **Yreka Area may assign this resident post sergeant position to either the Dorris Resident Post or to Tulalake Resident Post.

ANNEX A

RESIDENT POSTS LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (continued)

	Resident Post	Parent Area	Authorized Personnel	
			Sergeant	Officer
19	June Lake/Lee Vining (Supervised by a sergeant at Mammoth Lakes Resident Post)	Bridgeport		2
20	Kern Valley	Bakersfield	1	6
21	Kings River	Fresno		3
22	Laytonville	Garberville	1	6
23	Lone Pine	Bishop	1	6
24	Mammoth Lakes	Bridgeport	1	5
25	Mountain Pass*	Barstow		6
26	Parker Dam	Needles		3
27	Point Arena (Supervised by a sergeant at Fort Bragg Resident Post)	Ukiah		2
28	Portola	Quincy	1	7
29	Ramona	El Cajon	1	6
30	Shaver Lake	Fresno		3
31	Sonoma Coast	Santa Rosa	1	5
32	Tulelake (If no sergeant, supervised by a sergeant at the Dorris Resident Post)	Yreka	1**	3
34	Willow Creek	Humboldt	1	6

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ANNEX B

SAMPLE RESIDENT POST PERSONNEL CHANGE NOTIFICATION

State of California

Transportation Agency

M e m o r a n d u m

Date: July 1, 2018

To: Rocky Mountain Division

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**
Troutdale Area

File No.: 199.11000.A12345

Subject: PERSONNEL CHANGE AT BIG LAKE RESIDENT POST

Effective March 1, 2018, Officer A. B. Charles, ID 12669, who is currently assigned to the Big Lake Resident Post, will be assigned to the Troutdale Area. There will be no expenses involved in the intra-Area movement to Officer Charles.

I am requesting Rocky Mountain Division consider the vacancy which will be created at the Big Lake Resident Post when completing the next officer allocation request form from the Office of Assistant Commissioner, Field. Vacancies created by intra-Area movement can only be backfilled using the officer allocation request form.

I am requesting this memorandum be forwarded, through channels, to Uniformed Hiring Section, Uniformed Transfer/Promotions Unit, in order to assure a vacancy is reflected in the Uniform Transfer System for the Big Lake Resident Post.

If you have any questions, please contact the Troutdale Area at (916) 843-0000.

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Commander

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