

Watch Commanders

421.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Discretionary MODIFIED

This policy provides guidelines for the designation of a Watch Commander and, as needed, an acting Watch Commander for each watch.

421.2 POLICY

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Each watch will be directed by a Watch Commander capable of making decisions and managing in a manner consistent with the mission of the Syracuse Police Department.

421.3 WATCH COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Watch Commander shall have overall responsibility and accountability for the operation of this department on an assigned watch. Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Ensuring that the minimum and critical staffing levels for sergeants and officers are adhered to during each watch, in addition to the Watch Commander.
- (b) Ensuring sufficient members are on-duty to accomplish the mission of the Syracuse Police Department.
- (c) Providing command-level oversight of major crime scenes, tactical situations or disasters.
- (d) Establishing service-level priorities.
- (e) Providing job-related training and guidance to subordinates.
- (f) Acquiring outside resources or providing assistance to other agencies, when applicable.
- (g) Handling service inquiries.
- (h) Managing risk exposure.
- (i) Ensuring the security of all department facilities.
- (j) Ensuring the proper equipment and vehicles are available for member use.
- (k) Representing the Department at community functions.
- (l) Making the proper incident notifications to the Captain(s) and/or Duty Chief.