

# Watch Commanders

## **422.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Each patrol shift must be directed by supervisors who are capable of making decisions and communicating in a manner consistent with Departmental policies, procedures, practices, functions and objectives. To accomplish this goal, a Lieutenant heads each watch.

## **422.2 DESIGNATION AS ACTING WATCH COMMANDER**

When a Lieutenant is unavailable for duty as Watch Commander, in most instances the senior qualified sergeant shall be designated as acting Watch Commander. This policy does not preclude designating a less senior sergeant as an acting Watch Commander when operational needs require or training permits.