

## Staffing Levels

### **216.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that proper supervision is available for all shifts. The Department intends to balance Member's needs against the need to have flexibility and discretion in using Members to meet operational objectives. While balance is desirable, the paramount concern is the need to meet the operational objectives of the Department.

### **216.2 MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS**

Minimum staffing levels should result in the scheduling of at least two regular supervisors on duty whenever possible. Department Commanders shall ensure that at least one field supervisor is deployed during each watch, in addition to the Department Commander.

#### **216.2.1 SUPERVISION DEPLOYMENTS**

In order to accommodate training and other unforeseen circumstances, deputies may be used as field supervisors.

A field supervisor may act as Department Commander for a limited period of time with prior authorization from the Assistant Sheriff of Patrol Operations.