



COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS
LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR BE ON THE LOOK OUT (BOL) BROADCASTS
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1.0 Purpose

1.1 In order to clarify expectations regarding the broadcast of "Be on the Look Out" (BOL) teletypes, dispatchers should follow these guidelines when deciding which teletypes to broadcast.

2.0 Procedure

2.1 Whenever possible, the agency originating a teletype BOL should include in the first line of the BOL what agencies the information should be broadcast to (examples: Officer Safety BOL, please broadcast on all primary channels; BOL 459 just occurred, special attention Watsonville PD).

2.2 If the teletype originates from a law enforcement or public safety agency within Santa Cruz County, dispatchers should, at a minimum, broadcast it to the neighboring jurisdictions.

2.2.1 If, based upon the information contained in the teletype, it appears that jurisdictions other than the neighboring jurisdictions could be impacted by the BOL information, the dispatchers should broadcast the BOL to all possibly impacted jurisdictions, up to and including a County Wide broadcast as described in Policy No. 4345 (BOL Broadcasts).

2.3 For teletype BOL's originating outside of Santa Cruz County, dispatchers should evaluate the information contained within the BOL for possible impact upon local law enforcement agencies. Typically, information indicating that a

suspect, or other wanted person, could be an officer safety risk or have ties to Santa Cruz County and/or that an incident occurred in close proximity to, or in a timeframe consistent with, local involvement is sufficient to justify a radio broadcast in accordance with Policy No. 4345 (BOL Broadcasts).

At all times, dispatchers are trusted to use their training and experience in determining what BOL's should be broadcast and which local agencies should receive the BOL broadcasts.

3.0 Missing Persons At Risk

3.1 BOL's for missing persons at risk (as defined in Policy 4720- Missing Persons) will be broadcast without delay.

3.1.1 Section 14205(a) of the California Penal code reads: "If the missing person is under 16 years of age or there is evidence that the person is at risk, the department shall broadcast a "Be On The Look Out" bulletin, without delay, within its jurisdiction."