
Organizational Structure and Responsibility

200.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The organizational structure of this department is designed to create an efficient means to accomplish our mission and goals and to provide for the best possible service to the public.

200.2 DIVISIONS

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering and managing the Red Bluff Police Department. There are two divisions in the Police Department as follows:

- Operations
- Support/Special Services

200.2.1 OPERATIONS

The primary responsibility of the Operations Captain is to provide general management direction and control for the division. The Operations Captain is directly responsible to the Chief of Police, and exercises immediate supervision over the Sergeants or other supervisors assigned to that division.

200.2.2 SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES

The Support/Special Services Division is commanded by a Lieutenant whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Support/Special Services Division. The Support/Special Services Commander is directly responsible to the Chief of Police, and exercises immediate supervision over the Sergeants or other supervisors assigned to that division.

200.3 COMMAND PROTOCOL

200.3.1 SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

The Chief of Police exercises command over all personnel in the Department. During planned absences the Chief of Police may designate a Division Commander to serve as the acting Chief of Police.

Except when designated as above, the order of command authority in the absence or unavailability of the Chief of Police is as follows:

- (a) Operations Division Commander
- (b) Support/Special Services Division Commander
- (c) Shift Sergeant

200.3.2 UNITY OF COMMAND

The principles of unity of command ensure efficient supervision and control within the Department. Generally, each employee shall be accountable to one supervisor at any time for a given

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assignment or responsibility. Except where specifically delegated authority may exist by policy or special assignment (e.g., K-9, SWAT), any supervisor may temporarily direct any subordinate if an operational necessity exists.

200.3.3 ORDERS

Members shall respond to and make a good faith and reasonable effort to comply with the lawful order of superior officers and other proper authority.