

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**GENERAL ORDERS**

**ACTING WATCH COMMANDER**  
**SUBJECT**

**DATE:** March 28, 2019

**NO:** C-1

**FROM:** CHIEF ERIC JONES

**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL

**INDEX** Acting Watch Commander  
Watch Commander

**I. POLICY**

In the absence of any higher level of command, the Watch Commander will be the Commanding Officer who has direct control over all members of the Department.

**II. PROCEDURE**

- A. All lieutenants and sergeants shall familiarize themselves with the duties of the Watch Commander.
- B. In the absence of the regularly assigned Watch Commander, an on-duty lieutenant shall be assigned by a Field Services Division Captain as the Watch Commander.
  - 1. In the event another lieutenant is not available, and an emergency or other unusual circumstance is present, the senior, on-duty Patrol Sergeant shall serve as Acting Watch Commander. Normally, this will be approved by a Field Services Division Captain.