STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDERS

ACTING WATCH COMMANDER

SUBJECT

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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.