



# SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS



## 510.01 UNSUPERVISED FIELD INVESTIGATION 3-19-20

### **PURPOSE**

To establish procedures for unsupervised field investigations.

### **POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento Police Department to require detectives, in the absence of a supervisor, to log on with Communications Division when conducting field investigations.

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **A. DEFINITION**

1. UNSUPERVISED FIELD INVESTIGATION – A field investigation conducted during normal working hours without a supervisor's presence, or on approved overtime and in the absence of a supervisor.
2. SIGN-IN/OUT BOARDS – A unit status board that detectives can indicate their location during field investigations and/or when away from the office for an extended period of time.

#### **B. PROCEDURE FOR LOGGING ON**

1. When a detective conducts a field investigation, the detective shall advise his/her supervisor of the circumstances surrounding the investigation and what resources will be needed.
2. The detective will log on with Communications, advise of his/her location, and be available by cellphone and/or radio (if needed).
3. Select the patrol channel assigned to the geographic area of the field investigation.
4. Detectives shall advise Communications of the following:
  - a. When the investigation moves to an area covered by another radio channel.
  - b. The location of all known or potential suspect contacts.
  - c. When he/she has concluded the field investigation and is logging off.
5. When detectives are in the field, they shall comply with G.O. 525.07 Body-Worn Camera policy.