
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 SECTIONS

The Sheriff is responsible for administering and managing the Modoc County Sheriff's Office. There are two sections in the Sheriff's Department as follows:

- Administration Division
- Field Division

200.2.1 ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division commanded by the Sheriff whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Administration Division. The Administration Division consists of Technical Services, Administrative Services and the Civil division.

200.2.2 FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Field Operations Division is commanded by a Sergeant, whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Field Operations Division. The Field Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol, Dispatch and Jail.

200.3 COMMAND PROTOCOL

The Sheriff has the ultimate and overall command of the department, including all divisions.

The Sheriff has designated that the Under-sheriff shall have command over the Corrections, Patrol / Investigations, and the Communication / Dispatch center.

The Sheriff has designated that Sheriff shall have command over the Civil, O.E.S., Administrative and Technical service.

200.3.1 SUCCESSION OF COMMAND

The Sheriff exercises command over all personnel in the Department. During planned absences the Sheriff will designate the Under-sheriff to serve as the acting Sheriff.

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

- (a) Under-sheriff
- (b) Patrol Sergeant
- (c) Corrections Sergeant

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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 assignment or responsibility. Except where specifically delegated authority may exist by policy or special assignment, 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.