

	<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>OPR-202</b>
	<b>CHAPTER:</b>	<b>PATROL</b>	
	<b>DIRECTIVE:</b>	<b>PATROL AREA ASSIGNMENT AND ROTATION</b>	

**202.01 SUMMARY**

This directive establishes a system of assigning service areas and neighborhood beats to Officers.

**202.02 DEFINITIONS**

**SERVICE AREA** – The City of Grand Junction is divided into four geographic sectors that are designated Adam, Baker, Charles, and David. These service areas differ in size, but are balanced in workload.

**NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT** – Each Service Area is subdivided into smaller areas of geographic accountability called Neighborhood Beats. The borders of a neighborhood beat may be constructed by obtaining a profile of the community, identifying and assessing community issues and needs, taking into account natural geographic boundaries, distinctive characteristics, demographic profiles, and organized/active homeowner’s and Crime Watch associations.

**202.03 GENERAL PROCEDURE**

**ASSIGNED SERVICE AREA** – A Service Area is assigned to the Officer at the time of shift assignment, which is completed annually. A service area assignment is permanent for the duration of a minimum of one year. Preference for service area assignment will be given to Officers based upon seniority; however, preference is not guaranteed and may be subject to a Patrol Commander’s assignment. The one year service area assignment is designed to increase an Officer’s familiarity with one particular area of the City and develop partnerships with the residents and businesses of that area. This increased familiarity will allow Officers to identify problems that are occurring or reoccurring within their service area and work together with other Service Area Officers and citizens to solve those problems.

**PATROLCOMMANDER TO ASSIGN** – The authority to assign Officers to a Service Area rests with the Patrol Commander(s). When distributing personnel within a Service Area, the Patrol Commander(s) will assign personnel in a manner that will maximize coverage for calls for service both over teams and shifts.

- In addition to Service Areas, Officers will also be assigned individually to a Neighborhood Beat(s) within their Service Area. The Officer has team responsibility for problem solving in the Service Area, and individual responsibility for Community Policing and problem solving within his/her Neighborhood Beat.

**GENERAL PROCEDURE  
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- Neighborhood Beats will be assigned by the Patrol Commander(s), however the Commander(s) will attempt to give preference to senior officers within the Service Area team if possible. Neighborhood Beat assignments shall last a minimum of one year.
- Service Area or Neighborhood Beat assignments may be assigned to Officers based upon specialized skills and abilities, i.e. bilingual capability, or individual police skills. An Officer may also be assigned to facilitate employee development or training. The Patrol Commander will have the flexibility to assign Officers as necessary depending upon unusual circumstances.

