SOP: Patrol Route Scheduling and Frequency Guidelines

This SOP establishes **patrol route scheduling and frequency guidelines** to ensure consistent and effective security monitoring. It details the planning and assignment of patrol routes, recommended patrol intervals, and adjustments based on risk assessments. The goal is to optimize coverage, enhance threat detection, and maintain safety across the monitored areas by adhering to systematic scheduling practices.

1. Purpose

To define standard procedures for scheduling security patrol routes and setting patrol frequency to maximize safety and security in all monitored areas.

2. Scope

This SOP applies to all security personnel responsible for conducting patrols within the designated premises.

3. Responsibilities

- **Security Supervisor:** Develops patrol schedules, assigns routes, and reviews compliance.
- **Security Officers:** Follow assigned routes and intervals, report anomalies, and record patrol completion.
- **Management:** Reviews and approves risk assessments and schedule adjustments.

4. Procedure

1. **Route Planning & Assignment**
   - Map out all areas requiring patrol to identify critical, moderate, and low-risk zones.
   - Assign patrol routes to officers based on risk assessment and staffing levels.
   - Document each route with specific checkpoints and estimated patrol duration.
2. **Patrol Frequency Guidelines**

Risk Level	Recommended Frequency
High Risk	Every 30 minutes
Moderate Risk	Every 60 minutes
Low Risk	Every 120 minutes

3. **Scheduling**
   - Create a rotating patrol schedule to avoid predictable patterns.
   - Document shift assignments and ensure all time slots are covered.
   - Review and update schedules weekly or as needed based on operational requirements.
4. **Adjustments Based on Risk Assessment**
   - Conduct regular risk assessments of all patrol areas at least quarterly, or following incidents.
   - Adjust patrol frequency and routes based on findings.
   - Communicate changes promptly to all security staff.
5. **Documentation and Reporting**
   - Log all completed patrols in the patrol logbook or digital system immediately after completion.
   - Report anomalies, incidents, or unusual observations according to incident reporting procedures.
   - Retain patrol logs and schedules for a minimum of 12 months.

5. Review & Compliance

- Security supervisors will conduct random audits of patrol logs and routes to ensure compliance.
- Non-compliance or missed patrols must be investigated and corrective action taken as necessary.

6. References

- Risk Assessment Procedures
- Incident Reporting SOP
- Security Staff Handbook

7. Revision History

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