

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3

June 24, 2025

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON June 24, 2025

**SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF USE OF FORCE TACTICS DIRECTIVES  
– RENAMED AND REVISED; AND, TACTICS TRAINING REVIEW  
COMMITTEE - DEFINED – REVISED**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Order is to update sections of the Department Manual related to tactics and training. The revisions include adding definitions and outlining the authorities responsible for publishing Orders, Notices, Bulletins, and Directives that establish the Department’s Use of Force policy.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. PUBLICATION OF USE OF FORCE TACTICS DIRECTIVES – RENAMED AND REVISED.** Department Manual Section 1/240.12, *Publication of Use Of Force Tactics Directives*, has been renamed, *Publication of Use of Force Directives, Training Bulletins, and Tactical Concepts – Tactics Training Overviews*, and revised. It is attached with the revisions in italics.
- II. TACTICS TRAINING REVIEW COMMITTEE - DEFINED – REVISED.** Department Manual Section 2/093.96, *Tactics Training Review Committee – Defined*, has been revised and is attached with the revisions in italics.

**AMENDMENTS:** This Order amends Sections 1/240.12 and 2/093.96 of the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Chief of Police

Attachments

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**240.12 PUBLICATION OF USE OF FORCE DIRECTIVES, *TRAINING BULLETINS,*  
*AND TACTICAL CONCEPTS – TACTICS TRAINING OVERVIEWS.***

All requests and/or suggestions related to Use of Force Directives, *Training Bulletins,* and *Tactical Concepts – Tactics Training Overviews* shall be forwarded to the Commanding Officer (CO), Training Bureau (TRB), or *their designee*.

The CO, TRB, or *their designee* shall coordinate the review of the requests and/or suggestions with the Tactics Training Review Committee (TTRC) and other entities within the Department, as appropriate.

*The Chief of Police, or their designee, will review and approve all Directives, Bulletins, or Tactical Concepts prior to distribution to all personnel.*

**Definitions.**

**Use of Force Directive – Defined.** A Use of Force Directive is a written *instruction* that contains procedure and/or insight into use of force *concepts and guidance on the application of force by Department employees*. Use of Force policy will continue to be expressed in the Department Manual but may be reiterated in Use of Force Directives. All Use of Force Tactics Directives will be reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police.

**Training Bulletins – Defined.** A *Training Bulletin* is a published document that provides general (non-tactical) information reflecting current Department policy, procedure, and training practices on specific topics. *Training Bulletins* are meant to inform and guide personnel.

**Tactical Concepts – Tactics Training Overviews.** *Tactical Concepts – Tactics Training Overviews* are published documents that encompass tactical concepts derived from Department policy, procedure, best practices, and current training. *Tactical Concepts – Tactics Training Overviews* do not provide specific guidance on use of force or the application of force and are meant as a reference guide for field officers.

**Note:** Use of Force Directives supersede any *Training Bulletins or Tactical Concepts* that have been published regarding the subject matter of the directives.

**Training Bureau’s Responsibilities.** Training Bureau shall be responsible for the publication of Use of Force Directives, *Training Bulletins, Tactical Concepts,* and for the retention of all research and related materials as historical records.

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**093.96 TACTICS TRAINING REVIEW COMMITTEE – DEFINED.** The Tactics Training Review Committee (TTRC) is organized to develop the *Department's training curricula* for tactics, firearms, and *Use of Force* policy.

**Tactics Training Review Committee Members.** The Commanding Officer (CO), Training Bureau (TRB), shall serve as the committee chair. The following are standing members of the TTRC:

- Commanding Officer, TRB, Chair;
- Commanding Officer, Training Division (TD);
- Commanding Officer, In-Service Training, TD;
- Director, Police Training and Education (PTE);
- Commanding Officer, Critical Incident Review Division (CIRD);
- Officer in Charge, Firearms and Training Section, TD;
- Assistant Officer in Charge, Firearms and Training Section, TD;
- Officer in Charge, Field Operations Training Section, TD;
- Assistant Officer in Charge, Field Operations Training Section, TD;
- Officer in Charge, Field Training Services Unit, PTE;
- Representative from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office;
- *Assistant to the Director, or representative, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy;*
- *Commanding Officer, or representative, Risk Management and Legal Affairs Division (RMLAD);*
- Representative from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG);

*Note: This representative does not have voting rights. All recommendations from the OIG representative shall be presented via the TTRC to the Chief of Police (COP) for consideration; and,*

- Representative Director from the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL), who will not have voting rights.

*Note: This representative does not have voting rights. All recommendations from the LAPPL Director shall be presented via the TTRC to the COP for consideration.*

**Tactics Training Review Committee Responsibilities.** The TTRC shall be responsible to perform the following:

- Provide advice and recommendations to the COP regarding reliable and safe field tactics;
- Provide advice and recommendations regarding the appropriate manner in which to train Department employees;
- Review and approve changes to existing tactics and firearms training prior to implementation; and,

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- Cross-staff with the Use of Force Best Practices Committee, and other appropriate entities to prepare Use of Force Directives for signature by the COP.

**Reviewing Officer.** The Director, Office of Support Services, is the Reviewing Officer for all matters within the jurisdiction of the TTRC.