

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU**

**NOTICE**  
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August 31, 2022

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Commanding Officer, Professional Standards Bureau

**SUBJECT:** ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2655 – INVASION OF PRIVACY BY FIRST RESPONDERS – REMINDER

The purpose of this Notice is to remind Department personnel about Assembly Bill (AB) 2655, which became effective January 1, 2021. This law makes it a criminal misdemeanor for a first responder to capture a photographic image of a deceased person at the scene of an accident or crime for anything other than an official law enforcement purpose or a genuine public interest.

Employees are also prohibited from using either their personal electronic device or a device belonging to the Department to capture any images or video of an individual from an accident, crime scene, or investigation that do not serve a law enforcement purpose. This restriction includes the scene of an officer-involved shooting.

Similarly, employees are reminded that all official files, documents, reports, photographs, images, recordings, and information held by the Department or in the custody or control of the Department are deemed confidential. Employees shall not access, obtain, retain, or duplicate any confidential information except as required in the performance of their duties (including the employees' Body-Worn Video footage from Evidence.com).

Employees are further reminded that any violation of these sections may result in not only disciplinary action but also potential criminal prosecution.

Any questions about this Notice should be directed to the Support Section, Professional Standards Bureau, at (213) 996-2785.



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