

OFFICE OF SUPPORT SERVICES

NOTICE

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Support Services

SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE ADJUDICATIONS

On December 8, 2021, Office of the Chief of Police Special Order No. 23, was published in preparation for California Assembly Bill (AB) 26 becoming effective on January 1, 2022. This Special Order revised Department Manual Section 1/556.10, *Policy on the Use of Force*. The resulting update to Department Policy requires that specific issues be addressed in the adjudication of all uses of force.

This is a reminder that, in accordance with Department Manual Section 1/556.10, *Policy on the Use of Force*, the following issues must be addressed in all use of force adjudications:

- Objective Reasonableness;
- Use of De-Escalation Techniques;
- Verbal Warnings;
- Proportionality;
- Fair and Unbiased Policing;
- Rendering Aid; and,
- Requirement to Intercede.


A comment on the involved employees' adherence to each of these requirements, where applicable, or the reason(s) adherence to the requirements was not feasible shall be included in the use of force investigation, preferably in the Watch Commander or Commanding Officer insight sections.

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Scot Williams, Critical Incident Review Division, at (213) 486-5950.



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