## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

<u>NOTICE</u> 1.14 December 20, 2022

TO:

All Department Personnel

FROM:

Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** 

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILLS 2282 AND 485 - HATE CRIMES

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Notice is to advise Department personnel of California Assembly Bill (AB) 2282, which expands the definition of Hate Crimes, and California AB 485, which requires law enforcement agencies to report hate crime related material on their external websites on a monthly basis.

Assembly Bill 2282 amends California Penal Code (PC) Section 11411–Terrorizing (Hate Crimes), by expanding the offense to include:

"...hanging a noose, placing or displaying a sign, mark, symbol, emblem or other physical impression, including, but not limited to, a Nazi swastika, and burning, desecrating, or destroying a religious symbol, such as a cross, at schools and public places, generally, as specified, for the purpose of terrorizing a person. [The intent of the Legislature is to criminalize the terrorizing of a person, by display or placement of the Nazi swastika and not swastikas associated with Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism.]"

In accordance with 13023(a) PC, California law enforcement agencies are currently required to report information relative to hate crimes on an annual basis to the California Department of Justice (DOJ). This information may include: any general orders or formal policies on hate crimes, hate crime statistics, and hate crime pamphlet required pursuant to 422.92 PC. California Assembly Bill 485 will require California law enforcement agencies to post the same information relative to hate crimes on the external facing website on a monthly basis. The Department's website (www.lapdonline.org) will reflect this new requirement, beginning January 2023.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robbery-Homicide Division, Hate Crimes Coordinator, at (213) 486-6840.

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