

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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December 27, 2022

**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1406 – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
POLICIES – CARRYING OF EQUIPMENT

On September 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed California Assembly Bill (AB) 1406, which adds Section 13660 to the California Penal Code and states, “Any law enforcement agency that authorizes peace officers to carry an electroshock device shall prohibit that device from being holstered or otherwise carried on the same lateral side of the officer’s body as the officer’s primary firearm is holstered or otherwise carried.” This law takes effect January 1, 2023. Department personnel are issued and authorized to carry Taser 7 and Taser X26P as approved electroshock devices.

The requirements of AB 1406 – prohibiting personnel from carrying or holstering a taser on the same side as their primary duty weapon – are already established in Department policy and training:

- Department Manual Section 1/573, *Use of Less-Lethal Control Devices*;
- Department Manual Section 3/621.10, *Required Equipment-Uniformed Officers*;
- Department Manual Section 3/622.90, *Electronic Control Device*;
- Department Manual Section 4/216.52; *Wearing of Body Armor During Tactical Operations*; and,
- Use of Force-Tactics Directive No. 4.6 - Electronic Control Device Taser 7 (published August 2021).

For instances when officers are authorized or approved to wear a load bearing vest (LBV) or a tactical vest, the taser shall still be carried on their equipment belt. However, due to a specific assignment or other special circumstances as determined by their commanding officer, some personnel may be authorized or approved to wear their taser on their LBV or tactical vest. If authorized for vest placement, the taser shall be holstered and carried on the opposite side of the officer’s primary firearm. As a reminder, the Department does not authorize the wearing of tactical vests for general patrol wear.

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Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, at (213) 486-8730.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michel R. Moore".

MICHEL R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

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