

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

### **NOTICE**

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**TO:** All Department Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** ASSEMBLY BILL 1506 – POLICE USE OF FORCE: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS – ENACTED

On September 30, 2020, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 1506. Effective January 1, 2021, AB 1506 added Section 12525.3 to the Government Code which designated the California State Attorney General (AG) as the state prosecutor. Upon implementation by the California Department of Justice, AB 1506 requires the state prosecutor to investigate incidents of an officer involved shooting resulting in the death of an unarmed civilian and authorizes him or her to initiate and prosecute a criminal action against the involved officer. Pursuant to Government Code Section 12525.3(a), an unarmed civilian is “anyone who is not in possession of a deadly weapon.” A deadly weapon “includes, but is not limited to, any loaded weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged, or a switchblade knife, pilum ballistic knife, metal knuckle knife, dagger, billy, blackjack, plastic knuckles, or metal knuckles.”

The purpose of this Notice is to formally notify Department personnel of this new law and to advise personnel that with the advent of Assembly Bill 1506 (McCarty), the Department has been made aware by the AG that their office anticipates conducting on scene investigations pursuant to the above specified criteria, by July 2021. In addition, the AG will supply their own investigative team and will conduct the forensic recovery and analysis of evidence on any case under their purview.

As California’s chief law enforcement officer, the AG is committed to strengthening trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve. This policy is vital to increasing transparency throughout the criminal justice system and will assist the AG in making recommendations that will improve police practices across California. The Department is fully supportive of this mission and is committed to complying with the AG’s office in their investigation of officer involved shootings.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Force Investigation Division, at (213) 486-5230.



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