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KCSOPPM F-1300: Use of Force – Crowd Control and KCSOPPM F-1300 Attachment A – Civil Unrest Response Guide

Effective June 9, 2025, the Kern County Sheriff's Office approved KCSOPPM F-1300.

Given the recent events, including protests and rioting in Los Angeles, a mutual aid request may soon be necessary for the Sheriff's Office to support law enforcement agencies in the Los Angeles area within Los Angeles County. Additionally, these protests appear to be spreading across the United States and could eventually affect Kern County. The Sheriff's Office must have policies and procedures in place to guide our staff in carrying out lawful interactions with the public while maintaining or restoring social order.

The Sheriff's Office upholds the right to peaceful assembly as outlined in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. This new policy (KCSOPPM F-1300) has been developed to provide guidelines for managing public assemblies and ensuring safety, order, and respect for individuals' rights.

KCSOPPM F-1300: This policy emphasizes the First Amendment right to peaceful assembly and provides guidelines for managing public gatherings that honor participants' rights while ensuring public safety and order. It covers several key areas, including constitutional rights, the professional conduct expected of staff, and the agency's response to crowd control and civil unrest. We have consolidated guidance regarding the use of force options in crowd control situations (such as chemical agents, extended-range impact weapons, batons, etc.) along with specific reporting requirements.

- [F 1300 - Crowd Control.docx](#)

Civil Unrest Response Guide 2025: This guide serves as a practical reference for staff managing civil unrest incidents. It underscores the importance of preparedness and sound judgment in responding to such events. This guide outlines command responsibilities, the role of the Incident Commander, and situational assessments. Additionally, it includes a critical incident checklist to ensure staff are familiar with operational planning, which helps maintain incident control and facilitate an effective response. This guide will be maintained as "Attachment A" to KCSOPPM F-1300.

- [F 1300 - Attachment A - Civil Unrest Response Guide.docx](#)

All staff of the Deputy Sheriff, Detentions Deputy, and Park Ranger ranks are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin **no later than July 10, 2025.**