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TRAINING BULLETIN

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KCSOPPM F-Sections 800, 810, and 820 Policy Release

Over the past several years, the Sheriff's Office has been working closely with the California Department of Justice (CalDOJ) and the Monitoring Team (MT) to refine F-section policies addressing use of force to align them with the Stipulated Judgment (SJ). Final approval of these policies was recently granted.

The release of revised KCSOPPM F-section of policies began on February 9, 2026. They will continue to be released over the next several weeks to give staff time to familiarize themselves with the changes, but the policies will not take effect until **April 15, 2026**. These policies pertain to the use of force, force options, and critical incident reviews. Each set of policies will be released with a training bulletin and a relevant PowerPoint.

- **KCSOPPM F-0800: Use of Force – Extended Range Impact Weapons (FN 303)**
 - Renumbered (Previously F-900) and split Extended Range Impact Weapons into the 3 policies listed here
 - Updated to include optimal ranges and target areas
 - Updated to provide guidelines on vulnerable populations
 - Updated to include prohibited target areas
 - Updated training & certification requirements
 - Use in crowd control situations must comply with forthcoming F-1300

- **KCSOPPM F-0810: Use of Force – Extended Range Impact Weapons (40 MM)**
 - Renumbered (Previously F-900) and split Extended Range Impact Weapons into the 3 policies listed here
 - Updated to include optimal ranges and target areas
 - Updated to provide guidelines on vulnerable populations
 - Updated to include prohibited target areas
 - Updated training & certification requirements
 - For tactical operations, only SWAT operators who are properly trained are authorized to utilize the single and multi-launchers may deploy penetrating munition rounds during tactical deployments.
 - Use in crowd control situations must comply with forthcoming F-1300

- **KCSOPPM F-0820: Use of Force – Extended Range Impact Weapons (Pepperball)**

- F Renumbered (Previously F-900) and split Extended Range Impact Weapons into the 3 policies listed here
- Updated to include optimal ranges and target areas
- Updated to provide guidelines on vulnerable populations
- Updated to include prohibited target areas
- Updated training & certification requirements
- Use in crowd control situations must comply with forthcoming F-1300

These policies and their respective attachments can be found on SheriffNet or via the hyperlink below:

- [Procedure Manual](#)
- [UOF Policy updates F-0800 F-0810 F-0820.pptx](#)

All personnel are required to review the above-listed policies, watch the attached video, and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **April 10, 2026, at 1700 hours**. All personnel are directed to read these policies and acknowledge the training bulletin by the due date. After **April 15, 2026**, an audit will be conducted to ensure all required policy readings, training bulletin acknowledgements, and mandatory trainings are completed. Failure to complete one or all of the above-mentioned requirements can lead to disciplinary action.