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TRAINING BULLETIN

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KCSOPPM F-Sections 900, 910, 920, and 930 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**. This release of policies pertains to the use of force, force options, and critical incident reviews involving canines, and consolidated from 16 policies into four (4) policies at MT's recommendation. The remaining content was transferred to the Operations Manual. Each set of policies will be released with a training bulletin and a relevant PowerPoint.

- **KCSOPPM F-0900: Use of Force – Canine Unit Philosophy & Oversight**
 - Renumbered (Previously Q Section)
 - Updated definitions
- **KCSOPPM F-0910: Use of Force – Canine Deployments**
 - Renumbered (Previously Q Section)
 - Updated on-lead and off-lead requirements
- **KCSOPPM F-0920: Use of Force – Detection Canine Deployment**
 - Renumbered (Previously Q Section)
 - Updated search parameters
- **KCSOPPM F-0930: Use of Force – Canine Training and Records**
 - Renumbered (Previously Q Section)
 - Updated training, certification, and records procedures

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

- [Procedure Manual](#)
- [Policy updates F-900 F910 F920 F930.pptx](#)

Training Bulletins 26-15 (F-Sections 600 and 700 Policy Release) and 26-17 (F-Sections 800, 810, and 820 Policy Release) included links to policies to review and PowerPoint presentations to view. The wording in those bulletins also mistakenly required personnel to “watch the attached video”; however, no videos were included with those training bulletins. To clarify, the only training bulletin that requires viewing a video (Control Holds) is Training Bulletin 26-09 (F-Sections 300 and 350 Policy Release).

All personnel are required to review the above-listed policies and PowerPoint, 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.