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TRAINING BULLETIN

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The Briefing Room

The Kern County Sheriff's Office will begin utilizing The Briefing Room® electronic platform for all sworn personnel, effective **Monday, April 6, 2026**. This platform offers a significant benefit to our operations, providing current statutory updates and case law decisions across a wide range of relevant topics, including use of force, custody operations, and investigative practices. Each topic includes short, topic-specific videos and related court documents available for review. All sworn personnel have been granted access to the site and encouraged to explore the available resources, which will be available on April 6.

Our goal is to ensure that the most up-to-date information is being shared and that meaningful conversations are taking place. While formal training remains important, ongoing self-education is equally essential to maintaining our professionalism and readiness. The Briefing Room provides a valuable tool to support continuous learning and is easily accessed via your smartphone, MDC, and desktop using the link below:

[The Briefing Room – Digital record keeping, better search, comments, admin reports and more!](#)

Procedure:

Sworn personnel will receive an email from The Briefing Room with instructions to log in on April 6, 2026. Please note that this email is legitimate. Sergeants have already attended facilitator training and have been shown how to access the system and conduct facilitated discussions through the platform.

Briefing Directive:

Sergeants are encouraged to deliver facilitated briefing training using this platform:

- Sergeants will host a facilitated briefing using The Briefing Room **at minimum, once a month.**
- Ideally, Sergeants are encouraged to host facilitated briefings as often as possible, on a weekly basis.

An important aspect of using The Briefing Room is that all sessions must be facilitated, meaning active participation from all personnel involved in the training is required when conducting a briefing training. In-person facilitation is preferred; however, logistical challenges in outlying areas may not always make this possible. When in-person training cannot be conducted, a virtual platform such as Microsoft Teams—or another method—must be used to ensure the training is properly facilitated.

For those assigned to Metro Patrol, this will align easily with the traditional squad briefing format. For Detentions personnel, these facilitated briefings can be handled at any time during the duration of the squad's shift. For substations, a different approach may be necessary. Options may include dividing the training across both sides of the workweek or selecting hours that best accommodate your personnel.

Aside from the structured facilitated briefings that are required, personnel are able to login to The Briefing Room at any time and are encouraged to review the available content on their own.

All sworn personnel are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin and sign into The Briefing Room no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026, at 1700 hours.**