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TRAINING BULLETIN

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New Policy and Procedure K-0303 Visible Identifiers

Effective January 1, 2026, Senate Bill 805 established Government Code 7288 and Penal Code 13654, regarding visible identifiers for sworn personnel.

January 1, 2026, law enforcement agencies shall maintain and publicly post a written policy on the display/use of visible identifiers. KCSOPPM K-0303 was created to define "visibly display identification" as well as Penal Code 13654.

Key Provision:

Pursuant to PC 13654(a), "A law enforcement officer operating in California that is not uniformed and therefore is not required to clearly display identification pursuant to Section 830.10, shall visibly display identification that includes their agency and either a name or badge number or both name and badge number when performing their enforcement duties." "A willful and knowing violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor" pursuant to Subsection "c", unless the "agency maintains and publicly posts a written policy pursuant to Section 7288 of the Government Code" pursuant to Subsection "e".

Exemptions:

Swon personnel are exempt from displaying identifiers under the following circumstances:

- Officers engaged in active undercover operations or investigative activities.
- Officers wearing personal protective equipment that prevents display.
- Exigent circumstances, involving an imminent danger to persons or property, or the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence, including if the officer is responding to those circumstances while off-duty.
- When there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe identification would pose a significant danger to the physical safety of the peace officer.

KCSOPPM K-0303 can be found in the link below:

[K 0303 - Visible Identifiers.doc](#)

By acknowledging this training bulletin, you are indicating you have read this training bulletin and newly established policy KCSOPPM K-0303. All sworn personnel are required to review and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **Wednesday, December 31, 2025.**