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KCSOPPM F-Section 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 revised Kern County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure Manual (KCSOPPM) F-section of policies will be released over the next several weeks to give staff time to familiarize themselves with the changes, but it 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-0100: Use of Force - General and Deadly Force**
 - Reporting requirements removed and incorporated into F-0200.
 - Training requirements were removed and incorporated into M-0700.
 - This updated version contains revisions to the definitions section, which incorporates some additional definitions from the canine policies to ensure they align. All canine-specific definitions are in the canine policies (soon to be F-0900 through F-0930).

- **KCSOPPM F-0200: Use of Force – Reporting and Review**
 - This was separated out of the existing F-0100 policy to be a stand-alone.
 - This adds several new forms to ensure consistency and streamline UOF reviews
 - Attachment A – UOF Matrix
 - Attachment B – Supervisory UOF Form & Additional Page
 - Attachment C – Managerial UOF Form
 - Supervisory UOF Interview Card

- **KCSOPPM F-0150: Use of Firearms – Detentions Deputies**
 - F-0150 was previously the Handcuff Policy, which was renumbered to F-0350
 - Incorporated Detentions Bureau Policy O-0100 "Use of Firearms – Detentions Deputies" into a Department Policy
 - Will replace and delete DBPPM O-0100

The Training Section and Use of Force Team is offering a 2-hour Use of Force (UOF) Policy Update Training. This class will highlight specific changes to the Sheriff's Office Use of Force (UOF) policies, detail the Guiding Principles, and thoroughly explain the procedure by which supervisors, lieutenants, and commanders investigate and adjudicate UOF incidents. **Attendance in this class is mandatory for all sworn classifications, including Deputies, Detention Deputies, Park Rangers, Coroner Investigators, Senior Deputies, Senior Detention Deputies, Sergeants, Detention Sergeants, and all Lieutenants and Commanders. Supervisors will be responsible for contacting KATHY ARCHULETA to schedule staff for attendance by emailing her at archuletak@kernsheriff.org.**

These policies, their respective attachments, and the relevant PowerPoint can be found on SheriffNet or via the hyperlinks below:

Policies: [Procedure Manual](#)

PowerPoint: [DPPM F-100 F-150 F-200 .pptx](#)

All personnel are required to review the above-listed policies and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **Friday, March 6, 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 policing readings, training bulletin acknowledgements, and mandatory training are completed. Failure to complete one or all of the above-mentioned requirements can lead to disciplinary action.