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## TRAINING BULLETIN

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### KCSOPPM F-Sections 300 & 350 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-0300: Use of Force - Defensive Tactics Team and Control**

#### **Holds/Takedowns**

- This was updated to reflect authorized techniques previously covered in training. The training requirements were removed and incorporated into M-700. New techniques are still being reviewed by the Sheriff's Office Defensive Tactics team and may be added prior to this policy taking effect.
- A video that shows authorized techniques is hyperlinked below.

- **KCSOPPM F-0350: Use of Force – Handcuffs and Restraints**

- F-350 is currently "Use of Force – Hobble Restraint", which will be rescinded and the device no longer authorized for use.
- KCSOPPM F-150 is currently "Use of Force-Handcuffs", which will be moved to this policy and labeled as "Use of Force- Handcuffs and Restraints"
- Updates provide further guidelines and considerations related to restraints, including the use of flexcuffs, the improper use of handcuffs, handcuffing juveniles and pregnant women, and application of spit hoods.

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

Policies: [Procedure Manual](#)

PowerPoint: [UOF Policies F-300 F-350](#)

DT Techniques Video: [Control Hold.mp4](#)

**All personnel** are required to review the above-listed policies, watch the attached video, review the UOF Policies F-300 F-350 PowerPoint, and acknowledge this training bulletin no later than **March 13, 2026, at 1700 hours**. 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.