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August 1, 2019

To: Lt.
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD)

From: Ingrid Williams
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC)

REQUEST FOR POLICY AND/OR INFORMATION:

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Injury and Violence Prevention Program will host a day-long conference entitled, "Redefining Public Safety in Los Angeles County." The conference will be held at St. Anne's Conference Center, 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. The conference schedule is as follows:

Time: 7:00a.m.-7:30a.m. (Resource Booth setup)
8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. (Resource booths available to public)
8:30a.m.-2:30p.m. (Conference)

The COC would like to request that LASD participate in the conference as follows:

1. Approve one (1) sworn staff member from each of the following divisions to participate in the full conference day:
 - a. Custody Services Division
 - b. Patrol Division
 - c. Detectives Division
 - d. Special Operations Division
 - e. Professional Standards Division
2. LASD Booth setup for the following (see above booth setup hours):
 - a. Community Law Enforcement Partnership Program (CLEPP)
 - b. Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)
 - c. MET Team

REASON FOR REQUEST:

Fulfillment of this request will enable COC staff to function as a bridge between LASD and the community related to public safety services and public needs.

WHEN SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED:

Please confirm participation to the contact person listed below by **August 9, 2019**.

CONTACT PERSON:

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Tracy Jordan-Johnson at
should you have any additional questions or
concerns. Please cc Ms. Ingrid Williams at on all
correspondence.

Department E-Mail Response

From:
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 4:32 PM
To: Jordan-Johnson, Tracy
Cc: Williams, Ingrid; Wilson, Michele; Gage, Scott W.; Newman-Tarwater, Cheryl A.;
Subject: RE: COC Request: 2019 COC Conference Request
Attachments: 2019 COC Conference Request.docx

Good afternoon,

LASD has reviewed your attendance request to the 2019 COC Conference. The Department certainly looks forward to attending and collaborating with other stakeholders on this very important topic. That said, the Department is unable to dedicate five staff members to attend the conference, in addition to staff dedicated for a resource booth, due to staffing shortages. That said, the Department is pleased to send the following Commanders to attend the conference:

Commander Newman-Tarwater (Custody Division)
Commander Scott Gage (Professional Standards Division)

In addition, Sgt. is coordinating the HOST/MET/CLEPP booth personnel.

I am including the above LASD personnel within this response email so that in the event further date/time changes occur, and/or booth setup instructions are available, you have their email addresses to communicate directly with.

Should you require anything further, please let me know.

Lieutenant

*Office of the Undersheriff
211 W. Temple St., 8th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012*



Thank You Letter

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November 21, 2019

The Honorable Alex Villanueva, Sheriff
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Sheriff Villanueva,

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) is would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to you for maintaining your commitment to allow three (3) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) sworn staff members to participate as audience members for the full day of our 2nd Annual Community Policing Conference held on November 16th that brought together close to 200 law enforcement professionals, academics, officials and members of the public for a day of dialog and engagement on redefining public safety in Los Angeles County.

Our conference included a panel session that delved into the different public safety administration structures with a look at elected sheriffs or appointed police chiefs. This panel was moderated by Human Relations Commissioner and Southwestern Law Professor [redacted]. Panelist including former Los Angeles County Undersheriff Ray Leyva, Loyola Law Professor [redacted] and UCLA/Million Dollar Hoods [redacted] highlighted the fundamental components of each structure, the need for greater transparency and accountability as well as challenges for each system.

One of the interactive experiences of the day included the session on "Calming a Crisis: De-escalating Use-of-Force", when Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) used their Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives (MILO) simulator with willing volunteer participants. Conference attendees were able to attain a simulated experience of de-escalating an incident without the use of force. This session was moderated by COC Commissioner and Loyola Law School Professor Sean Kennedy; and it included a panel discussion with LASD Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Sergeant [redacted], Sergeant [redacted], Department of Mental Health MET clinician-[redacted], Law Enforcement Accountability Network [redacted], and Social critic & political commentator [redacted].

Our day of dialogue concluded with a facilitated group discussion on "Where do we go from here?" that was led by Human Relations Commission Executive Director [redacted]. In this final component of the day more than 20 table facilitators, including officials collaborated to lead identified topic discussions at their tables and report back to all attendees.

This conference was just the one of many steps in what we hope to be a continuing dialog as well as an opportunity to make available numerous resources between law enforcement, academia and the community. Please feel free to call me at [redacted] with any questions regarding our efforts.

Very truly yours,

Brian K. Williams,
Executive Director, Civilian Oversight Commission

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