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Follow-up Report

Antelope Valley Stations

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**Parts I, II, III, IV, and V of Stops and Detentions Audits:  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The mission at the Audit and Accountability Bureau (AAB) is to conduct law enforcement performance audits, as an internal control for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD or the Department).

The AAB produced the Audit Recommendation Follow-Up Report (follow-up report) as part of the AAB's accountability mission and organizational independence. The AAB obtains and tracks the status of Comprehensive Review Report (review) recommendations from the auditee(s) and reports all findings with impartiality. Upon request, the AAB provides the auditee(s) with clarity regarding their respective audit recommendations. However, the AAB does not provide input as to what actions should be taken to address the recommendations contained within the audits.

This report is generated to encompass all recommendations from January 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025, pertaining to stops and detentions. During this reporting period, twelve (12) audits were completed. Additionally, four (4) reassessment audits and (4) reviews were composed, resulting in a total of thirty-two (32) recommendations made by the AAB. After the AAB issues its recommendations, it then tracks the status of these recommendations from the date of publication to the date they are deemed implemented or not implemented. The AAB produces a follow-up report to provide a comprehensive overview of the Department's progress in addressing the recommendations provided, in alignment with the AAB's aforementioned organizational independence.

Additional ongoing reviews were conducted for Public Complaints and Use of Force, in accordance with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Antelope Valley (AV) Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and are addressed in subsequent follow-up reports.

## BACKGROUND

The County of Los Angeles, the Department, and the DOJ entered into the Agreement on April 28, 2015, with the goal of ensuring police services are provided to the AV community in a manner which fully complies with the Constitution and the laws of The United States. The Department is expected to implement the mandated stipulations of the Agreement to effectively ensure both public and deputy safety, while fostering renewed public confidence in the LASD.

The AAB was authorized by the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, the DOJ, and the Monitoring Team (MT) to conduct audits of the Department's stops and detentions process. To improve efficiency and effectiveness, the AAB shifted its audit approach from conducting full-scale audits to limited scope audits, focusing on a narrow set of audit objectives and specific audit populations. This refined approach seeks to provide timely feedback to the AV Stations, facilitate opportunities for operational improvement, and demonstrate an increasing commitment toward compliance.

The **Stops and Detentions Audits** were conducted as follows:

### Stops and Detentions Audits

Part	Audit
I	Backseat Detentions
II	Supervisory Review of Deputy's Daily Worksheet (DDWS)
III	Backseat Detentions Related to Consent Searches
IV	Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Consent Searches
V	Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Probation or Parole Searches

Each part of the Stops and Detentions Audits targeted a specific paragraph of the Agreement. When combined, these audits provided a comprehensive evaluation of all required aspects of the Agreement.

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The table below lists the Stops and Detentions Audits conducted, their respective project numbers, report type, and completion dates.

**Completed Audits in this Audit Recommendation Follow-Up Report**

Part	Audit	Project No.	Report Type	Completion Date
I	Backseat Detentions	2024-3-A	Audit	06/27/24
		2024-10-A	Audit	08/22/24
		2024-26-A	Audit	01/30/25
		2024-46-A	Comprehensive	05/12/25
		2024-48-A	Reassessment	05/08/25
II	Supervisory Review of Deputy's Daily Worksheet (DDWS)	2024-7-A	Audit	11/07/24
		2024-60-A	Audit	Pending DOJ Approval
III	Backseat Detentions Related to Domestic Violence	2024-12-A	Audit	07/11/24
		2024-28-A	Audit	10/10/24
		2024-59-A	Comprehensive	05/12/25
		2024-61-A	Reassessment	05/08/25
IV	Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Consent Searches	2024-13-A	Audit	06/27/24
		2024-29-A	Audit	11/07/24
		2024-49-A	Comprehensive	05/12/25
		2024-62-A	Reassessment	05/08/25
V	Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Probation or Parole Searches	2024-14-A	Audit	06/28/24
		2024-15-A	Audit	08/27/24
		2024-30-A	Audit	12/31/24
		2024-50-A	Comprehensive	05/12/25
		2024-63-A	Reassessment	05/08/25

The reviews provided an analysis of the AV Stations' performance for each sub-objective over the course of the completed audits. The reviews showed the areas where the AV Stations met the established compliance metrics and displayed continuous progression, as well as the areas requiring further enhancement. Data patterns, trends, and observations were also identified. These reviews assist the AV Stations in optimizing operations, mitigating risks, and progressing toward fulfilling the requirements of the Agreement.

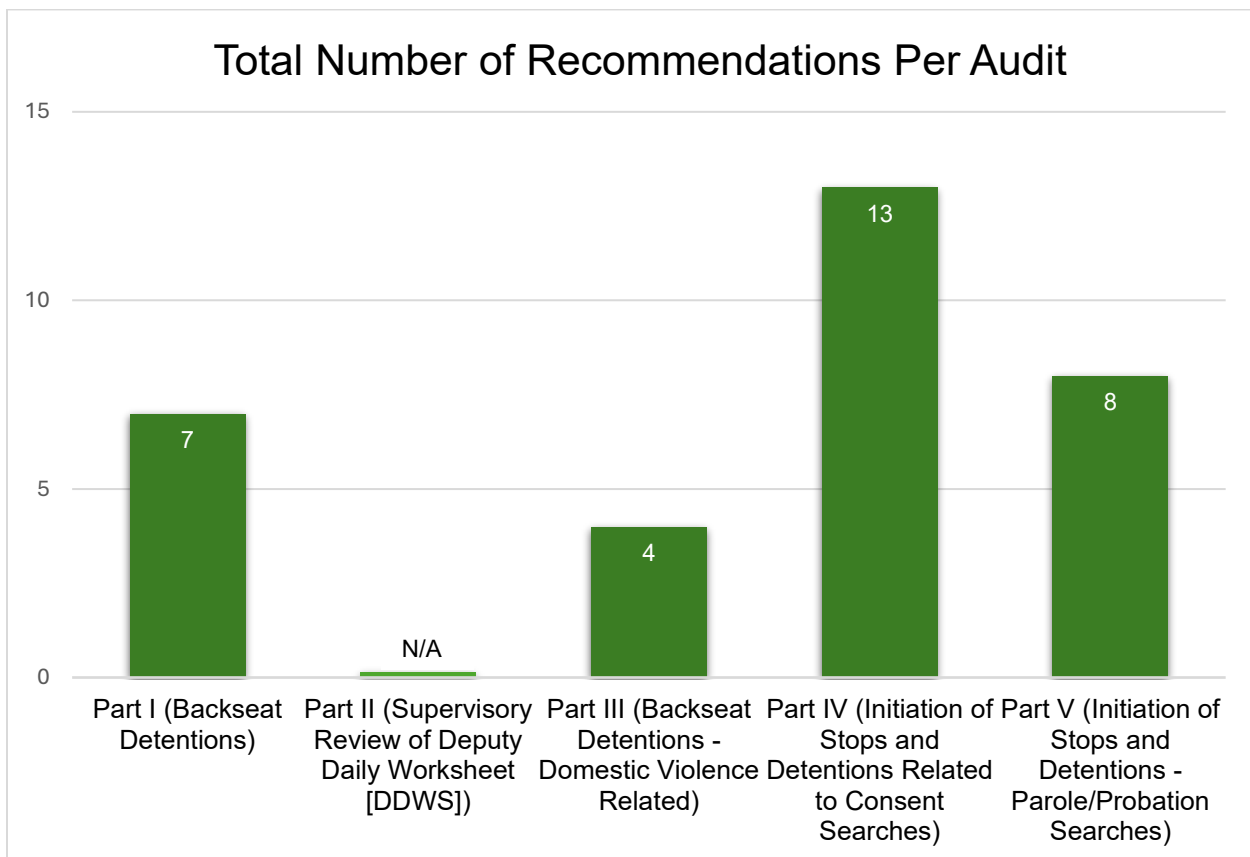
## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **RECOMMENDATION TERMS**

Audit recommendations are the corrective actions suggested by the auditor to improve performance, efficiency, compliance, and reduce risk management liabilities for the Department. The recommendations are intended to represent the needs of the stakeholder community and improve the relationship between the public and the Department.

The bar chart below displays the total number of recommendations per part for the Stops and Detentions Audits. There were no recommendations for Part II.

**Total Recommendations Per Audit**







## CLASSIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

As part of the Department’s commitment to continuous improvement, the AAB categorized the status of each recommendation into four classifications: **Implemented**, **In Progress**, **Ongoing**, and **Not Implemented**.

The visual aids reflected in the Classification of Recommendations table below provide a clear and concise overview of these classifications for the reporting period. This enables stakeholders to easily track progress and evaluate the extent to which corrective actions have been taken.

### Classification of Recommendations

Icon	Status	Definition
	Implemented	Corrective action has been taken to address a recommendation deficiency to improve performance, efficiency, and reduce liabilities for the Department. Management has provided proof of recommendation implementation.
	In Progress	Management has begun taking action to address noted audit deficiencies; however, it has not been deemed complete. The corrective action is still in progress.
	Ongoing	Management has provided a corrective action response requiring further follow-up on recommendation status and re-evaluation of the progress toward addressing a noted deficiency.
	Not Implemented	No corrective action has been taken by management. Management has either disagreed with the recommendation or is unable to implement it due to factors such as resources or cost. No further action will be reported.

## **DEFINITION OF STATUS**

### Implemented

Recommendations in this category have been deemed implemented. Details on the progress made toward implementing each recommendation may include corrective action plans, recurrent briefings, proof of training, or changes to policy. Implemented corrective action ensures that recommendations are effective and sustainable.

### In Progress

A recommendation has been deemed in progress based on the status information provided. Each recommendation is discussed with the auditee, including the original due date, and any planned actions or reasons for delay.

In progress recommendations have begun to be implemented by management; however, they have not been fully completed due to various factors including resource constraints, scheduling conflicts, and prioritization of other ongoing projects. Detailed plans are in place to initiate and complete these recommendations within specific timeframes. Continuous monitoring and update requests will be conducted to ensure progress and timely completion.

### Ongoing

A recommendation has been deemed ongoing based on the status information provided. An ongoing status designation for an audit recommendation is typically associated with those recommendations requiring more time or ongoing processes to complete and implement. These recommendations cannot be implemented in a short period of time due to varying issues such as staffing, cost, and available technology.

### Not Implemented

A recommendation has been deemed not implemented if:

- Management disagrees: Management has made the decision not to implement the recommendation. No further action will be reported.
- Unable to implement: Management reported they were unable to implement the recommendation due to lack of resources or cost. No further action will be reported.

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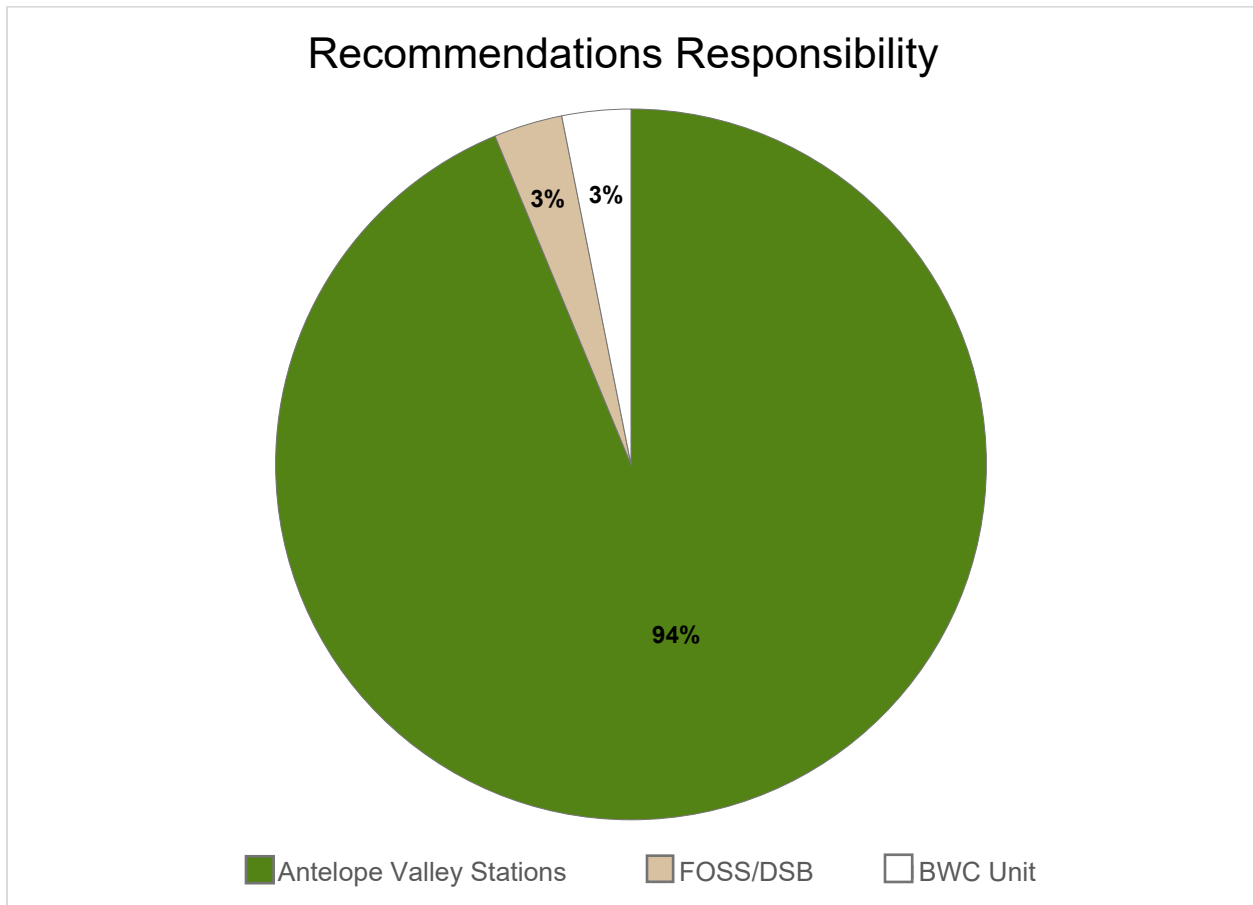
The table below provides a summary of the Stops and Detentions Comprehensive Review Reports, including the associated project numbers and the implementation status of each recommendation.

**Summary of Total Recommendations**

Part	Audit	Project No.	Implemented	In-Progress	Not Implemented	Completion %
I	Backseat Detentions	2024-41-A	6	1	0	86%
II	Supervisory Review of Deputy's Daily Worksheet (DDWS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
III	Backseat Detentions Related to Domestic Violence	2024-45-A	1	3	0	25%
IV	Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Consent Searches	2024-49-A	8	5	0	62%
V	Initiation of Stops and Detentions related to Probation or Parole Searches	2024-50-A	8	0	0	100%

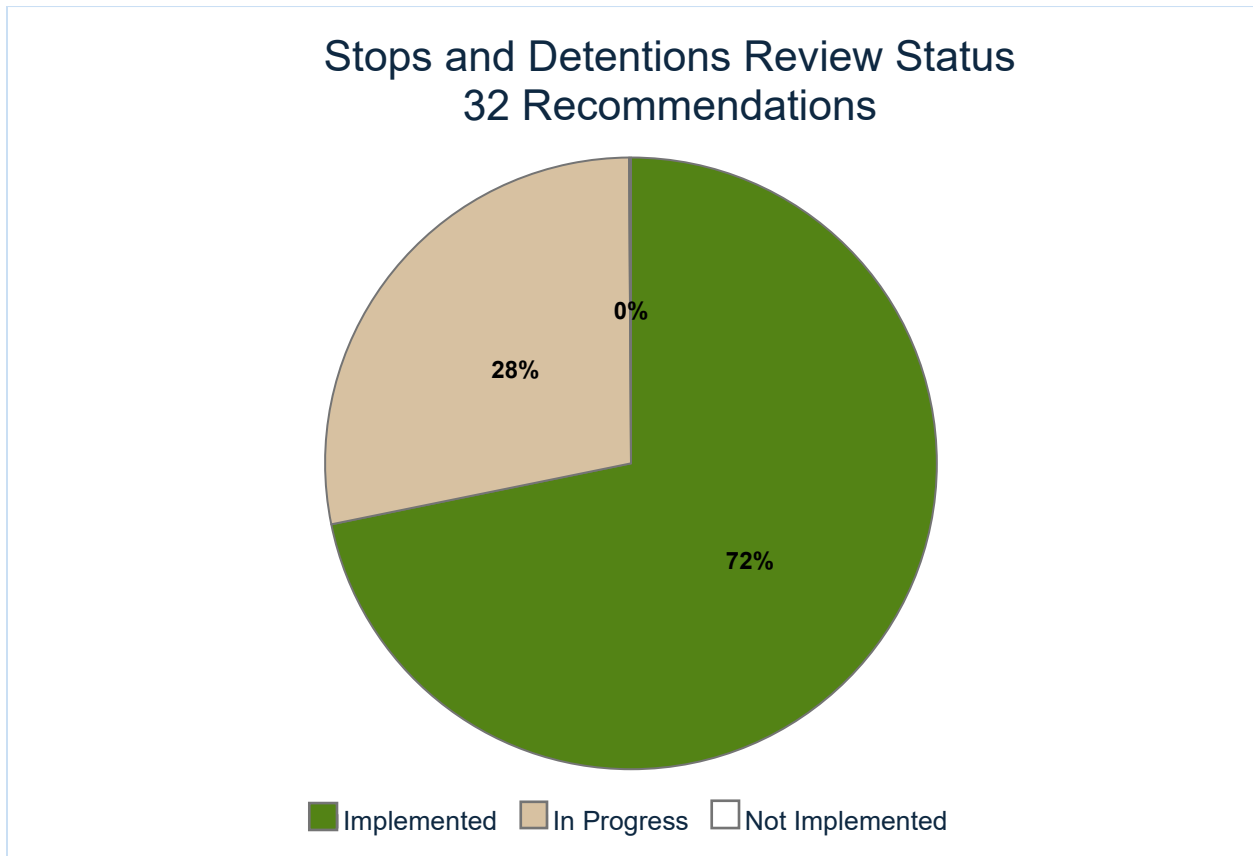
The pie chart below demonstrates Stops and Detentions Audits' recommendations responsibility by unit.

**Stops and Detentions Recommendations Responsibility Per Unit**



# Management Response

**Summary of Stops and Detentions Recommendations Status**



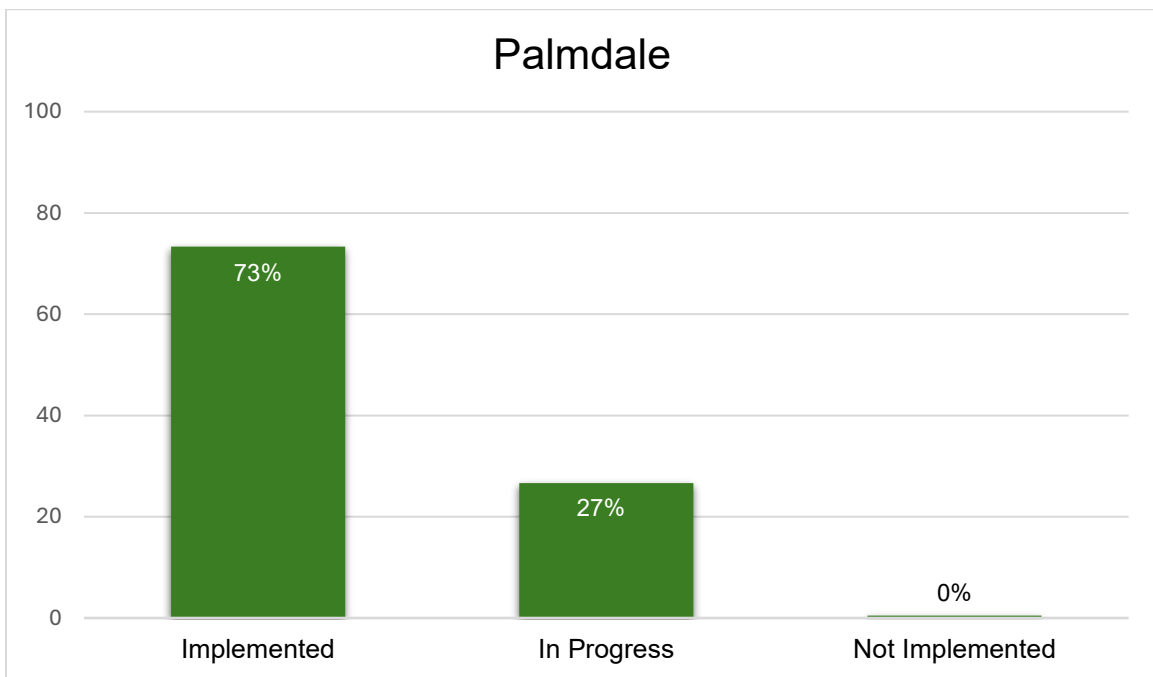
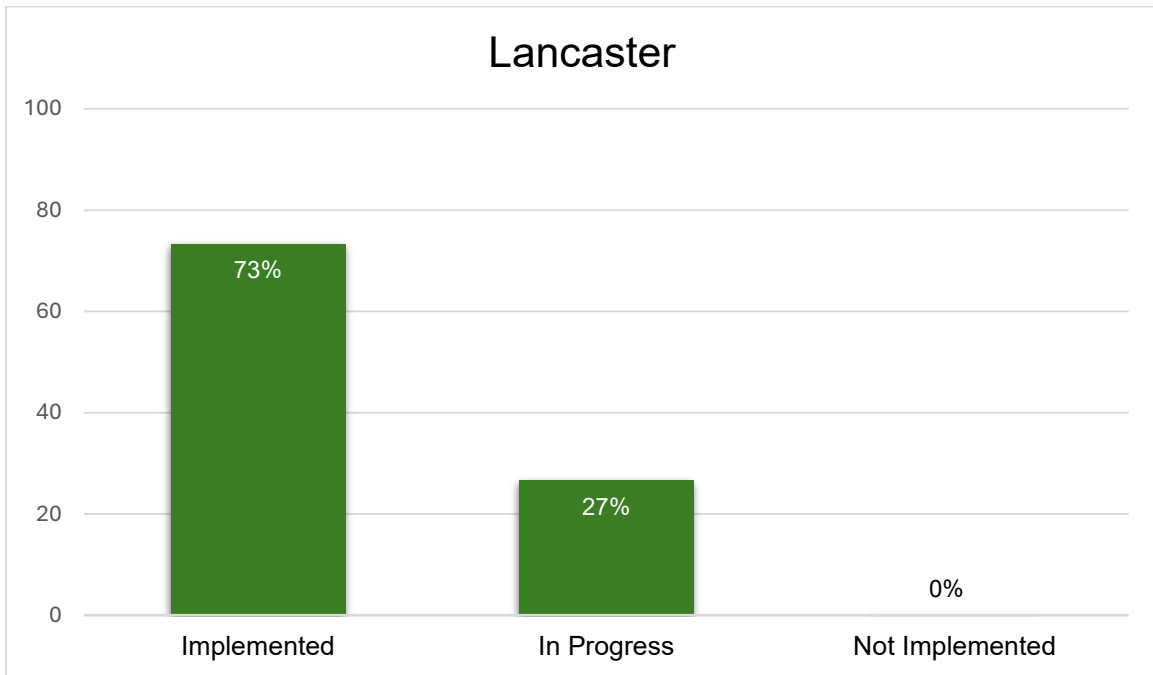
A total of 32 recommendations were identified through the Stops and Detentions Audits. Of these, 30 applied directly to both AV Stations. The remaining two recommendations involved the Data Systems Bureau (DSB), the Field Operations Support Services (FOSS), and the Body-Worn Camera Unit (BWC Unit).

In instances where differing statuses for the same recommendation were reported, the lower completion status was recorded to maintain consistency and accountability.

The progress and compliance status of all recommendations is detailed in the narrative section of the recommendations tracker.

The charts below depict the individual status of Stops and Detentions Audits' recommendations for the AV Stations (based on 30 applicable recommendations).

**Recommendations Status for Each AV Station**



# Recommendations Responses

**Audit Recommendation Follow-Up Report**  
**Recommendations for the Stops and Detentions Comprehensive Review Report**  
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**Part I: Backseat Detentions**  
**Project No. 2024-46-A**

Recommendation 1

Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Civilians

Status

It is recommended the Department implement a functionality in the MDC/CAD and Sheriff's Automated Contact Reporting (SACR) systems requiring deputies to digitally attest they have explained to subjects the reason for placing them in the backseat of the patrol vehicle. This procedure is also stipulated in the Manual of Policy and Procedures, Section 5-09/520.10, Backseat Detentions.



Response to Recommendation 1

Status: **IMPLEMENTED**

(Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Data Systems Bureau (DSB):**

*The SACR system was modified such that when a selection is made in the 'Actions' section for 'Backseat Detention' the reason/justification for placing the detainee in a BSD will be required to be entered by deputy personnel. The reason(s)/justification(s) will be chosen from a predefined list which has been approved by the US/DOJ.*

*DSB is unable to implement the MDC/CAD functions without a system upgrade. DSB is currently asking the County for an upgrade to the CAD system. The upgrade could possibly occur in the next 6-18 months for installation.*

Recommendation 2

Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Civilians

Status

It is recommended that the AV Stations' management semi-annually conduct briefings to remind deputies they must strictly adhere to the BWC policy, as specified in the Manual of Policy and Procedures, Section 3-06/200.13 to ensure continuous video recordings of the entire investigative and enforcement interaction with subjects, particularly concerning the explanation of BSDs to subjects. Capturing these explanations on BWC can help prevent deputies from using the BSD method as a routine practice and would help facilitate an understanding of the detained subject regarding the specific reason for the backseat detention.



Response to Recommendation 2

Status: **IMPLEMENTED**

(Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)



**Lancaster:**

*This subject has been briefed on all three shifts by training staff, supervising sergeants, and the sergeant assigned with the BWC collateral. These briefings include in-person briefings, emails sent regarding BWC compliance reviews, and multiple Scheduling Management System (SMS) briefings sent for personnel to review. SMS briefings were posted January 2024, March 2024, and December 2024.*



**Palmdale:**

*This subject has been briefed continually on all three shifts by supervising sergeants, and the sergeant assigned with the BWC collateral. These briefings include in-person briefings, emails sent regarding BWC compliance reviews. In person briefings were held the end of July 2025, and August 2025. All briefings are tracked through APIS roster and inputting into tracker. Additionally, there was an email sent July 31, 2025 regarding Manual of Policy and Procedures 05-09/520.10, 03-06/200.08 through 03-06/200.18 on BWC and Backseat Detentions.*


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<b>Recommendation 3</b>	
<b>Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Civilians</b>	<b>Status</b>
AV Stations' management must brief deputies that backseat detentions should only be used when necessary and fully justified, and not as a matter of course. The reminders should include scenarios of appropriate circumstances for BSDs, such as flight risk, officer safety, weather conditions, or the subject's desire for privacy or personal safety. Alternatively, scenarios where BSDs would be inappropriate, such as routine investigative practice, should also be addressed.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 3</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and back seat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Additionally, there was an email sent October 2, 2023 regarding Foss Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, regarding the use and direction of the SACR system.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and back seat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Additionally, there was an email sent July 31, 2025 regarding Foss Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, regarding the use and direction of the SACR system. The sergeant in charge of SACRS also continually reminds deputies to thoroughly and accurately complete SACRS.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 4</b>	
<b>Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Civilians</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended that future station training must emphasize the Agreement specifically requires deputies to clearly explain to subjects, immediately upon initiating a BSD, the reason they are being placed in the backseat of a patrol vehicle. The explanation must include valid and appropriate reasons for the BSD. Discussion points must include alternative options rather than BSD, when safe and feasible, such as having individuals stand nearby, sit on a curb, or remain in their vehicle.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 4</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. We have created scenarios in these physical briefings regarding detainees having medical restrictions, body composition issues, and sufficient personnel (on-scene) while conducting investigations, allowing for more curbside detentions and utilizing ambulance/transport vans for transport/BSD. These briefings engaged everyone in attendance and not just newly assigned personnel.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale :</b>  <i>Station personnel have been consistently briefed on the SACR system and SACR policies, as well as backseat detention policies through briefings on all shifts by Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants. Various scenarios in briefings have been provided, including dealing with detainees with medical issues/concerns and conducting investigations with sufficient personnel on scene to allow for more curbside detentions than backseat detentions. All briefings involve everyone in attendance.</i></p>	

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<b>Recommendation 5</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Backseat Detention Documentation and Articulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Given the inherent design limitations with the CAD/MDC system, it is recommended the AV Stations' management to also require the deputies to document stops with BSD in the SACR system to ensure all necessary BSD information is captured.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 5</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Additionally, there was an email sent October 2, 2023 regarding Foss Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, regarding the use and direction of the SACR system. Our training deputy has specifically addressed the limitations of CAD, regarding detaining more than two people on calls/observation stops. This deputy has trained personnel regarding the utilization of the "REFCALL" function and creating new observations utilizing the 843 stat codes to add additional persons detained and referencing the calls together as the one stop.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Station personnel have been consistently briefed on the SACR system and SACR policies, as well as backseat detention policies through briefings on all shifts by Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants. An email was sent on August 12, 2025, regarding FOSS Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, which pertain to the SACR system. Sergeants have briefed the limitations of the CAD/MDC system and the documentation of more than two people on a stop. Sergeants have discussed using the "REFCALL" function and creating additional observations with the 843 stat code, so additional persons being detained can be referenced in the stop.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 6</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Backseat Detention Documentation and Articulation</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended the AV Stations' management implement annual BSD documentation training. AV Stations' management should designate appropriate staff members to draft scenarios related to BSD detentions and incorporate them into training exercises. These exercises must include proper documentation protocols. The training must also emphasize that terms such as "flight risk" and "looking for avenues of escape" alone are considered boilerplate language and should be avoided. Instead, they must elaborate and be more descriptive as to why the subject was a "flight risk" and the need to be placed in BSD. Examples of acceptable narratives articulating BSD reasons and documentation must be reviewed with AV deputies during these trainings.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 6</b>	
Status: <b>IN-PROGRESS</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. We have drafted scenarios and spoke about documentation in the reports. However, we have not tracked the conversations in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies throughout physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Though these topics have been briefed in the past, they have not been tracked in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. Training will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and ensure shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. As a stop gap, a tracker for APIS rosters has been created and the briefings are currently being tracked.</i></p>	

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Recommendation 7	
Objective 1(b) - Backseat Detention Documentation and Articulation	Status
<p>It is recommended the AV Stations' management must incorporate a discussion of BSD documentation in their staff briefings for each shift to reinforce the habit of documenting the BSD reasons, BSD duration time, and reasonable suspicion for their investigations in the MDC narrative. This will help remind the deputies the importance of complying with the Agreement's requirements (e.g., documentation must demonstrate BSD was regarding flight risk, officer-safety, weather conditions, individual privacy or safety related). The above-mentioned training sessions and discussions must be documented in the Station / Bureau Administration Portal, Watch Commander Shift Log and/or in an Automated Personnel In-Service Class Roster (APIS).</p>	
<b>Response to Recommendation 7</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>The Department has a CAD functionality to log backseat detention times as well as a narrative area to document the reason for BSD and length (minutes) the subject was in the backseat prior to release/arrest. The SACR system also has functions to document the back seat detention under the "Non-Force" and "Force used" section of the report. Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies through physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Additionally, there was an email sent October 2, 2023 regarding Foss Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, regarding the use and direction of the SACR system. Due to the Department's training bureau no longer accepting APIS rosters, the training scenarios and discussion should be documented in the Watch Commander Log.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>The Department has a CAD functionality to log backseat detention times as well as a narrative area to document the reason for BSD and length (minutes) the subject was in the backseat prior to release/arrest. The SACR system also has functions to document the back seat detention under the "Non-Force" and "Force used" section of the report. Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO, Office of Constitutional Policing Sergeant) have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding the SACR system and backseat detention policies through physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. Additionally, there was an email sent October 2, 2023 regarding Foss Newsletters and Field Operations Directive 18-004, regarding the use and direction of the SACR system. Due to the Department's training bureau no longer accepting APIS rosters, APIS Rosters are only used to track for the station so that they can be entered into a tracker. The training scenarios and discussion should be documented as well in the Watch Commander Log.</i></p>	
Recommendations Implemented	<b>6</b>
Recommendations in Progress	<b>1</b>
Recommendations Not Implemented (Declined, Unable, Already Changed)	<b>0</b>
Total Recommendations	<b>7</b>

**Part III : Backseat Detentions - Domestic Violence Related  
 Project No. 2024-59-A**

**Recommendation 8**

**Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Subjects**

Status

It is recommended supervisors conduct monthly scenario-based training exercises to include guidance on providing feasible explanations of BSDs to subjects during calls for service, vehicle pedestrian, and bicycle stops. Deputies must be reminded informing a subject the BSD is due to an "investigation" does not satisfy the explanation requirements outlined in the Agreement as it would appear as a matter of course. Scenarios must include scenarios based on inclement weather or the subject's desire for privacy or safety. In these instances, deputies must inform the subject the BSD is optional. The monthly training shall be conducted for all station personnel and documented on the APIS roster.



**Response to Recommendation 8**

Status: **IN-PROGRESS**

(Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**

Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and line supervising Sergeants / Lieutenants have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding backseat detentions, and through physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. We have drafted scenarios and spoke about documentation in the reports. However, we have not tracked the conversations in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. The Watch Commander Log will be another way to track the scenario based briefings, as APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau.

**Palmdale:**

Station personnel have been consistently briefed on backseat detention policies through briefings on all shifts by Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants. However, we have not tracked the conversations in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. The Watch Commander Log will be another way to track the scenario based briefings, as APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but can be used at the station level to track who attended the briefings.

**Recommendation 9**

**Objective 1(a) - Explanation of Backseat Detentions to Subjects**

Status

It is recommended supervisors conduct recurrent briefings with station personnel regarding paragraphs 44 (a-k) and 48 of the Agreement and LASD Manual Policy and Procedures (MPP) Section 5-09/250.10 – Backseat Detentions. The recurrent briefings shall be documented in the Station / Bureau Administration Portal, Watch Commander Shift Log.



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**Response to Recommendation 9**

Status: **IN-PROGRESS** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
 Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and line supervising Sergeants /Lieutenants have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding backseat detentions, and through physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. We have drafted scenarios and spoke about documentation in the reports. We have not, however, tracked the conversations in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. The Watch Commander Log will be another way to track the scenario based briefings, as APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau.

**Palmdale:**  
 Station personnel have been consistently briefed on backseat detention policies through briefings on all shifts by Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants.. We have discussed scenarios and spoke about documentation in the reports. We have not, however, tracked the conversations in either an SMS briefing with the policy/time stamps, or roster of any sort. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. The Watch Commander Log will be another way to track the scenario based briefings, as APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but can be used at the station level to track who attended the briefings.

**Recommendation 10**

**Objective 1(b) - Backseat Detention Documentation** Status

It is recommended supervisors conduct recurrent briefings with station personnel to discuss proper articulation of a BSD in the MDC clearance narrative reasonable suspicion for the investigation. Emphasis must be placed on using the proper designated BSD MDC clearance categories. Annotating the reason for the BSD in the MDC clearance narrative meets the criteria of the Agreement, it does not satisfy the requirements of MPP 5-09/520.250 – Logging Field Activities, Field Operations Support Newsletter 16-16 – New Clearance Requirements for Logging Field Activity. The recurrent briefings shall be documented in the Station / Bureau Administration Portal, WatchCommander Shift Log




**Response to Recommendation 10**




Status: **IN-PROGRESS** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
 Lancaster Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and line supervising Sergeants /Lieutenants have continuously briefed station personnel on the policies regarding backseat detentions, and through physical/in-person briefings (all three shifts) with supervising sergeants. We have drafted scenarios and spoke about documentation in the reports. We have additionally briefed the functions on CAD/MDC, the SACR system that allows for BSD time documentation, and the sections/stat codes where the information applies. We will create an SMS briefing to schedule two times a year, to keep staff aware of the policy and have shift supervisors routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS style briefings allow for time/date stamped review and easier tracking. The Watch Commander Log will be another way to track the scenario based briefings, as APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau.



**Palmdale :**  
 Station personnel have been consistently briefed on backseat detention policies through briefings on all shifts by Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants. Various scenarios in briefings have been provided and the importance of documentation and proper articulation of BSD's has been discussed. The functions of the CAD/MDC and the SACR system which document BSD times have been briefed. Palmdale Station will create an SMS briefing (to be conducted two times a year), which will keep personnel aware of the policies. Supervisors will continue to routinely brief in shift briefings. SMS briefings are dated and time stamped, which makes review and tracking easier. The SBAP (Watch Commander Log) system will be another way to track briefings. APIS rosters are no longer accepted by training bureau, but can be used at the station level to track who attend the briefings.

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Recommendation 11	
Objective 1(b) - Backseat Detention Documentation	Status
The current DDWS review process by the field supervisors shall be re-evaluated to ensure the review contains the documentation noted on paragraph 44 (a-k) of the Agreement. The Station shall provide their DDWS review process and corrective action plan to modify errors and/or lack of documentation.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 11</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Shift supervisors and our in-house DOJ unit actively conduct DDWS reviews to ensure accuracy, the correct information/clearance codes are used, and the statistical codes that apply. If DDWS review finds any log with incorrect documentation, the handling deputy will receive an email from them to correct the error. Additionally, they receive MDC instructions on how to modify their logs.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station shift supervisors and its DOJ unit conduct DDWS reviews for accuracy, verify accurate information/clearance codes are used, and the correct statistical codes are applied. If DDWS review finds any log with incorrect documentation, the handling deputy will receive or be counseled by their respective sergeants about the errors so as to not repeat it.</i></p>	
Recommendations Implemented	<b>1</b>
Recommendations in Progress	<b>3</b>
Recommendations Not Implemented (Declined, Unable, Already Changed)	<b>0</b>
Total Recommendations	<b>4</b>

<b>Part IV: Initiation of Stops and Detentions Related to Consent Searches</b>	
<b>Project No. 2024-49-A</b>	
<b>Recommendation 12</b>	
<b>Objective 1(a) - Proper Activation of Body-Worn Camera</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended the Department amend the current BWC policy (MPP 3-06/200.08, Body Worn Cameras – Activation), enabling patrol station supervisors to conduct routine audits of BWC recordings. This revision is proposed to ensure the AV Stations are in compliance with the various provisions outlined in the Agreement. It is imperative Department personnel activate their body-worn cameras prior to or upon arrival to capture the entirety of their contact with the public as defined in the Department policy. Sworn personnel shall be routinely reminded of the importance of BWC activation in documented briefings.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 12</b>	
<b>Status: IN-PROGRESS</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<b>BWC Unit</b> <i>This recommendation has BWC policy implications. In regard to those policy implications, the Department is currently working to revise BWC policy, which includes the provision to allow supervisors to conduct routine compliance reviews of BWC video. This policy revision requires conferring with and approval from the employee unions before implementation. The Department routinely provides reminders to sworn personnel regarding BWC activation via continuous Department notifications and the implementation of a voiced MDC reminder prompt which broadcasts when a unit arrives at a call for service.</i>	
<b>Recommendation 13</b>	
<b>Objective 1(a) - Proper Activation of Body-Worn Camera</b>	<b>Status</b>
The AV Station supervisors must create corrective action plans to address station personnel who frequently fail to comply with the BWC policy, which may include documenting these violations in a Performance Log Entry (PLE) or Administrative Investigation, if applicable. These stations shall document the individuals name and the details of the stop to assist in identifying patterns of delayed BWC activations.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 13</b>	
<b>Status: IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<b>Lancaster:</b> <i>The current BWC policies outline the responsibility to fully document each incident. Our station has supervisors and detectives actively monitoring the use of BWC and the full recording of incidents. If there is an incident when the BWC is activated late, it is addressed specifically with the person who has the late activation. This is completed either through verbal counseling or written PLE (repeat issues).</i>	
<b>Palmdale:</b> <i>Per the current BWC policy, personnel are required to fully document each incident. Palmdale Station supervisors and detectives monitor BWC recordings and check for completeness of recordings of incidents as required. If late BWC activations are found, the issue is discussed specifically with the person who activated their BWC late. The personnel with the late activation receives verbal counseling or a written PLE if it is an ongoing issue.</i>	
<b>Recommendation 14</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended the AV Stations continue to conduct recurrent documented briefings with station personnel concerning paragraph 42 of the Agreement and CA-AB 2773, regarding introductions and stating reason for the stop. These briefings shall be documented in an APIS roster.	

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<b>Response to Recommendation 14</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Stations training staff, along with shift supervisors, brief the above topics on a constant basis. Training staff has been present for multiple briefings where either the watch sergeant or supervising lieutenant have briefed the topic. Our training deputy has additionally posted SMS briefings regarding the topic, titled "AB2773/2022 Newsletter - STATING AND DOCUMENTING REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP. The SMS briefing last posted was January 2024.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Station training staff and shift supervisors consistently brief personnel on these topics. The Watch Sergeant of each shift is tasked with a random review of deputies traffic stops and if the deputy is adhering to paragraph 42 and AB2773 of the Agreement. The review is documented in the Watch Commander's log and audits are conducted to see if there are deputies that are habitually failing in these areas. Once noted, personnel are either verbally counseled or documented with a PLE.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 15</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
The AV Stations should continue to conduct the "Daily Stops Audits" review process in which supervisors regularly inspect the BWC recordings with the deputies to ensure they are making introductions and stating the reason for the stop as soon as practicable. Deputies who repeatedly fail to comply should be held accountable with appropriate corrective actions as applicable. This may include documenting these violations in a PLE.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 15</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>The current BWC policies outline the responsibility to fully document each incident. Our station has supervisors, an in-house DOJ Unit, and detectives actively monitoring the use of BWC and the full recording of incidents. In these audits, traffic/pedestrian stops are highly investigated to ensure accurate information is inputted into the MDC/SACR, and their reasoning for the traffic stop is being voiced to the person being stopped. If there is an incident when the BWC is activated late, it is addressed specifically with the person who has the late activation. This is completed either through verbal counseling or written PLE.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Per the current BWC policy, personnel are required to fully document each incident. Palmdale Station supervisors, Palmdale DOJ Unit, and detectives monitor BWC recordings and check for completeness of recordings of incidents as required. Emphasis is placed on "Daily Stops Audits" of pedestrian and traffic stops, to ensure accurate information is entered into the MDC and SACR systems, and the detainee was advised of the reason they were stopped. If late BWC activations are found, the issue is discussed specifically with the person who activated their BWC late. Personnel with late activations receive verbal counseling or a written PLE if it is an ongoing issue.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 16</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
The AV Stations must develop and implement a log to ensure the Watch Commander and Watch Sergeants conduct the Daily Stops Audit as directed by the Assistant Sheriff of Patrol Operations. The log will provide a tool for supervisors to reference if written corrective action is needed. The AV Stations can ensure their audits are conducted consistently by maintaining a detailed log and promptly addressing any issues. The log provides a record for review and analysis over time.	

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Response to Recommendation 16

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*This is being completed by the shift watch sergeant and watch commander via the Station/Bureau Administration Portal (SBAP) on each shift. Any issues, corrective action needed, or corrective action taken (verbal counseling, PLE, etc.) is able to be documented in the narrative portion of the SBAP system's audit log. The SBAP system allows for record review and analysis.*

**Palmdale:**  
*Per the Station/Bureau Administration Portal (SBAP) system requirements, the watch sergeant and watch commander are required to conduct Daily Stops Audits on every shift. The SBAP system allows the reviewing supervisor to document any corrective action needed or that occurred in the narrative section. The SBAP system keeps the records for review or later analysis if needed.*

Recommendation 17

Objective 1(c) - Completeness of Video Recording Status

It is recommended AV Station supervisors educate and train station personnel in how to access the BWC Dashboard to identify their own individual patterns and make corrections as needed. The retention of the BWC recordings and all its required information must reflect accurate data. Retention of accurate information is especially important for instances in which the recording must be retrieved for additional review. This training should be documented in either an APIS roster or acknowledgement of training form. Deputies who demonstrate a pattern of noncompliance must be held accountable through verbal counseling and/or documenting these violations in a PLE.



Response to Recommendation 17

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. Deputies responsible for an error are directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and are verbally counseled or receive a PLE if issues continue. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.*

**Palmdale:**  
*Palmdale Station supervisors are consistently addressing BWC issues regarding late activations, and improperly labeling BWC information in their logs. This is also being handled by the Performance Mentoring Sergeant. Deputies responsible for an error are directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and are verbally counseled or receive a PLE if issues continue. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are use at the station level to document any briefing given on BWC and then in put into a tracker.*



Recommendation 18

Objective 2(a) - Consent Search Request and Response (Person Searches) Status

It is recommended the AV Stations conduct recurrent documented briefings to reinforce the importance requesting consent of searches, if needed. The briefings should also emphasize that requests must not be phrased in a leading manner where the subjects might feel coerced into consenting with the request. Deputies should be reminded of phrasing consent requests in a simple and clear manner to ensure the subject fully understands the request.



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<b>Response to Recommendation 18</b>	
Status: <b>IN-PROGRESS</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster training staff, along with shift supervisors, discuss all types of searches (including consent searches) during all shift briefings. We involve all deputies in attendance in the conversation/training. Lancaster training staff will implement a SMS briefing regarding consent searches and the applicable case laws regarding the matter.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants routinely brief searches, including consent searches. All deputies in the briefing are involved in the discussion and training. Palmdale training staff will create an SMS briefing pertaining to consent searches for station personnel. The SMS briefing will also include any applicable case law information.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 19</b>	
<b>Objective 2(a) - Consent Search Request and Response (Person Searches)</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended the AV Stations continue to conduct the "Daily Stops Audits" review process of documented consent searches, wherein supervisors regularly inspect the recordings with the deputies to ensure adherence to search protocols, document constructive feedback, identify any pattern of deficiencies, and provide additional training details for cases of non-compliance.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 19</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Each shift the watch sergeant and watch commander conduct "Daily Stops Audits" via the SBAP system as required. Any issues, feedback, deficiency patterns, corrective action needed, corrective action taken (verbal counseling, PLE, etc.), or training provided is able to be documented by the shift supervisor in the narrative portion the SBAP system's audit log. Additionally, our in-house DOJ unit actively conducts DDWS reviews to ensure accuracy, the correct information/clearance codes are used, and the proper statistical codes are applied. The DDWS reviews cover all types of searches, including consent. If the DDWS review finds any log with incorrect documentation, the handling deputy will receive an email to correct the error. Additionally, they will receive MDC instructions on how to modify their logs.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Per the Station/Bureau Administration Portal (SBAP) system requirements, the watch sergeant and watch commander are required to conduct Daily Stops Audits at every shift. The SBAP system allows the reviewing supervisor to document any corrective action needed or that occurred in the narrative section. Also, the Palmdale DOJ Unit reviews deputy DDWS worksheets to ensure the accuracy of documentation. The DDWS worksheets document searches conducted by personnel, including consent searches. During the review, if there are any discrepancies found, the deputy will be tasked with correcting the documentation so reported information is accurate.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 20</b>	
<b>Objective 2(c) - Consent Search Request and Response (Vehicle Searches)</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended the AV Stations continue recurrent documented briefings regarding obtaining consent from a subject prior to searching a vehicle. The briefings should also emphasize ensuring requests are not phrased in a leading manner where the subjects might feel coerced into consenting with the request. The deputies should be reminded of phrasing consent requests in a simple and clear manner to ensure the subject fully understands the request.	

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**Response to Recommendation 20**

Status: **IN-PROGRESS** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*Lancaster training staff, along with shift supervisors, discuss all types of searches (including consent searches) during all shift briefings. We involve all deputies in attendance in the conversation/training. Lancaster training staff will implement a SMS briefing regarding consent searches and the applicable case laws regarding the matter.*

**Palmdale:**  
*Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants routinely brief searches, including consent searches. All deputies in the briefing are involved in the discussion and training. Palmdale training staff will create an SMS briefing pertaining to consent searches for station personnel. The SMS briefing will also include any applicable case law information.*

**Recommendation 21**

**Objective 2(c) - Consent Search Request and Response (Vehicle Searches)** Status

The AV Station supervisors must create corrective action plans for personnel who frequently fail to comply with the Agreement requirements regarding consent searches. This may include documenting these violations in a Performance Log Entry (PLE) or conducting an Administrative Investigation, if applicable.



**Response to Recommendation 21**

Status: **IN-PROGRESS** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*Lancaster operations staff will meet with the station's supervisors regarding the development of a system for supervisors to track the above information. Lancaster Unit Order #69 covers the responsibilities of field supervisors for the points listed above, with the exception of BWC information. It specifically states, "Supervisors will be held accountable for appropriately and thoroughly reviewing reports and documentation related to stops, searches, seizures, and requiring deputies to articulate sufficient rationale under law and policy. Lancaster Station supervisors will ensure that all deputy investigatory stops and searches are adequately documented for tracking and supervision purposes."*

**Palmdale:**  
*The Station's operations staff will meet with the supervisors regarding the development of a tracking system for the above information. Palmdale Unit Order #14-06 covers the responsibilities of field supervisors for the points listed above, with the exception of BWC information. It specifically states, "Supervisors shall audit DDWS logs as outlined in the "Protocols for DDWS Review n the Antelope Valley" user guide. Sergeant assigned as raters shall audit their assigned deputies' stop, search, and seizure documentation for completeness, accuracy, and legal sufficiency. Supervisors shall take the appropriate action to address all violations or deficiencies in stops, searches, and seizure, including non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved deputy, and/or referring the incident for disciplinary action."*

**Recommendation 22**

**Objective 2(e) - Consent Search - Articulation and Documentation** Status

It is recommended to implement a training program which emphasizes the importance of accurate documentation of consent searches. The training should emphasize in articulating clear and consistent documentation in the MDC log clearance, to include providing detailed reasons in the narrative section for seeking consent, utilizing the correct search codes, and ensuring documentation is consistent with their BWC recording. This training should be documented in either an APIS roster or acknowledgement of training form.



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**Response to Recommendation 22**

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*This has been implemented in multiple areas of patrol. At the beginning of patrol training (patrol school), the MDC training staff teaches patrol trainee deputies how to properly use and document in the MDC and SACR systems, as well as the importance of inputting accurate information into both systems. After patrol school, trainee deputies go through a three day orientation at the station, prior to working in the field. One of the trainings completed during orientation, is instruction from our in-house DOJ Unit, on proper documentation, articulation, and using consistent narratives for both systems. All deputies at the station are provided MDC clearance updates, and instruction on clearance codes and SACR system usage. Additionally, there have been multiple SMS briefings and emails sent to all sworn staff regarding the above matter.*

**Palmdale:**  
*Palmdale Station's training staff (Training Deputy, Sergeant, MFTO) and supervising sergeants routinely brief searches, including consent searches. Additionally, patrol trainee deputies are taught in patrol school by Department training staff how to use the CAD/MDC and SACR systems. Trainees are taught how important the accurate documentation of information is for both systems. This is reiterated in Palmdale Station trainee orientation and by the Palmdale DOJ Unit prior to the trainee deputy working in the patrol environment. The importance of accurate documentation, articulation, and using consistent narratives for the MDC and SACR systems is stressed. Station personnel receive MDC clearance code updates and are instructed on proper use of the clearance codes and the SACR system.*

**Recommendation 23**

**Objective 2(e) - Consent Search - Articulation and Documentation** Status

It is recommended the Department develop a BWC recording review process of documented consent searches, wherein supervisors regularly inspect the recordings with the deputies to ensure adherence to search protocols, document constructive feedback and provide additional training details for cases of non-compliance.




**Response to Recommendation 23**

Status: **IN-PROGRESS** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
*This recommendation is the responsibility of other Department units, not Lancaster Station specifically. The Department is currently working on updating/upgrading the CAD and the SACR systems. With updated/upgrades to the CAD and SACR systems, it would allow for supervisors to review consent search recordings more easily. With the current systems, our supervisors would be forced to invest large sums of time to complete this task for each shift/day, while dealing with Lancaster Station's already high call volume. Additionally, the watch sergeant and watch commander already conduct "Daily Stops Audits" via the SBAP system as required each shift. Any issues with consent searches, including feedback, corrective action needed, or corrective action taken (verbal counseling, PLE, etc.), is able to be documented by the shift supervisor in the narrative portion the SBAP system's audit log.*

**Palmdale:**  
*Although this recommendation would be better suited for another Department unit, Palmdale Station is aware the Department is in the process of upgrading the current CAD and SACR systems. Once these updates occur, it would provide the ability for supervisors to more easily locate BWC recordings of documented consent searches for review. Under the current databases, it would task supervisors with investing significant time to locate documented consent search BWC video for review, which is not practical with the station's call volume. Additionally, per the Station/Bureau Administration Portal (SBAP) system requirements, the watch sergeant and watch commander are required to conduct Daily Stops Audits every shift. The SBAP system allows the reviewing supervisor to document any corrective action needed or that occurred in the narrative section.*

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Recommendation 24	
Objective 2(e) - Consent Search - Articulation and Documentation	Status
<p>It is recommended the AV Stations require all their deputies to attend the Department's SACR application training class to ensure deputies are trained on how to accurately create and complete the SACR entries for all observations and calls for service that require an entry. The SACR entries should be completed timely and if the SACR entry takes more than 24 hours to be completed, deputies should utilize a Contact Report Form. Management should audit their station's SACR entries to ensure that "stop data" in the SACR reports are complete and consistent with information entered in the MDC. Management should review entries to ensure any SACR entry with an "in progress" status, do not remain in an "in progress" status for more than 24 hours.</p>	
<b>Response to Recommendation 24</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Currently, Lancaster Station is not aware of any in person or online training courses regarding the implementation of the SACR system. To the station's knowledge, the Department has only developed Foss Newsletter and Field Operations Directive 18-004 regarding the SACR system. Lancaster training staff and supervisory staff routinely brief the importance of properly documenting SACR and the laws associated with contacts. Additionally, it is taught during the MDC training portion of patrol school.</i></p>	
<p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>The Department has provided SACR system instruction through FOSS Newsletter(s) and Field Operations Directive 18-004. SACR system training is also provided during patrol school for deputies. Palmdale Station is not aware of any other Department in-person training available for the SACR system. Palmdale Station training staff and supervisors routinely brief the SACR system and importance of timeliness, documentation, and accuracy.</i></p>	
Recommendations Implemented	<b>8</b>
Recommendations in Progress	<b>5</b>
Recommendations Not Implemented (Declined, Unable, Already Changed)	<b>0</b>
Total Recommendations	<b>13</b>

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Recommendation 25

Objective 1(a) - Proper Activation of Body Worn Camera

Status

AV Station deputies must activate their BWC prior to the initiation or upon arrival at any enforcement or investigative contact involving a member of the public, in accordance with Department policy (MPP 3-06/200.08, Body Worn Cameras – Activation). Two-person units, who conduct pedestrian stops or detentions from the patrol vehicle, must be reminded BWC activation protocols still apply to self-initiated consensual encounters, as per the MPP.



Response to Recommendation 25

Status: **IMPLEMENTED**

(Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**

Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. The deputy responsible for the error is directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and is being verbally counseled or receiving a PLE if issues continue. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.

**Palmdale:**

Supervisors have continually addressed the BWC issues regarding late activations, and improperly labeling BWC information in their logs. The deputy responsible for late/delayed BWC activation is addressed directly by the supervisor conducting the audit (verbally counseled or by receiving a PLE for ongoing issues). Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. There is a recurring briefing regarding BWC that was last briefed July 31, 2025. Though APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, they are used at the station level to track the deputies that have attended briefings on BWC, and are tracked in house.

Recommendation 26

Objective 1(a) - Proper Activation of Body Worn Camera

Status

During the Watch Commander / Watch Sergeant BWC daily audits, supervisors must identify Department personnel who have a pattern of consistently delaying their BWC activations.



Response to Recommendation 26

Status: **IMPLEMENTED**

(Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)




**Lancaster:**

Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. The deputy responsible for the error is directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and is being verbally counseled or receiving a PLE if issues continue. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.



**Palmdale:**

Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. Supervisors are addressing the BWC issues regarding late activations, and improperly labeling BWC information in their SBAP logs. The deputy responsible for late/delayed BWC activation is addressed directly by the supervisor conducting the audit (verbally counseled or by receiving a PLE for ongoing issues). A recurring briefing was last sent out regarding BWC on July 31, 2025. Though APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, they are used in house to track all personnel attending the briefings, then entered into an in house tracker.

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<b>Recommendation 27</b>	
<b>Objective 1(a) - Proper Activation of Body Worn Camera</b>	<b>Status</b>
AAB recommends the AV Stations rebrief the BWC policy to all station personnel and record the briefing on an APIS roster. The AV Stations must create a corrective action plan to document Department personnel who are consistently not in compliance with Department Policy. This corrective action plan should follow a structured, detailed approach to document the noncompliance, identify patterns of delayed BWC activations, and outline the corrective efforts by supervisors.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 27</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. The deputy responsible for the error is directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and is being verbally counseled or receiving a PLE if issues continue. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station supervisors are addressing BWC late activations and improperly labeling BWC information in their logs. The deputy responsible for late/delayed BWC activation is addressed directly by the supervisor conducting the audit (verbally counseled or by receiving a PLE for ongoing issues). Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. A recurring briefing on BWC was last sent out on July 31, 2025. Though APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, they are used in house to track those deputies who have attended the briefing, then entered into a station tracker.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 28</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
It is recommended Department supervisors regularly brief deputies on AB 2773 as well as the terms of the Agreement and document it in the Stations' Watch Commander's Log.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 28</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff and supervisors have briefed on all shifts about the laws pertaining to AB2773. Lancaster Station training staff has implemented SMS briefings regarding AB2773, which allows the training to be sent to all patrol staff and the capability to track who reviews the newsletter regarding the matter. Last briefing posted was January 2024.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>The training staff and supervisors have briefed on all shifts about the laws pertaining to AB2773. The Watch Sergeant and Watch Commander already randomly audit AB2773 as part of their duties in SBAP. Palmdale Station training staff has implemented recurring briefings regarding AB2773.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 29</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
During the Daily Stop Audits, station supervisors must check to ensure the deputies are introducing themselves and stating the reason for the stop. Deputies must be reminded the reason for the stop needs to be stated prior to engaging in questioning related to a criminal investigation or traffic violation. Deputies who repeatedly fail to comply should be held accountable through verbal counseling and/or appropriate written documentation as applicable.	

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<b>Response to Recommendation 29</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>Lancaster Station's training staff and supervisors have briefed on all shifts, the laws pertaining to AB2773. Lancaster Station training staff has implemented SMS briefings regarding AB2773, which allows the training to be sent to all patrol staff and the capability to track who reviews the newsletter regarding the matter. Last briefing posted was January 2024. If a shift supervisors finds a stop during their DDWS Audit with a discrepancy, they address the issue with the deputy individually with either verbal counseling or a written PLE.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>The training staff and supervisors have briefed on all shifts about the laws pertaining to AB2773. The Watch Sergeant and Watch Commander already randomly audit AB2773 as part of their duties in SBAP, per shift. Palmdale Station training staff has implemented recurring briefings regarding AB2773. If a shift supervisors finds a stop during their audit with a discrepancy, they address the issue with the deputy individually with either verbal counseling or a written PLE.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 30</b>	
<b>Objective 1(b) - Introduction and Stating Reason for Stop</b>	<b>Status</b>
The AV Stations must develop and implement a log to ensure the Watch Commander and Watch Sergeants conduct the Daily Stops Audit as directed by the Assistant Sheriff of Patrol Operations. The log will provide a tool for supervisors to reference if written corrective action is needed. The AV Stations can ensure their audits are conducted consistently by maintaining a detailed log and promptly addressing any issues. The log provides a record for review and analysis over time.	
<b>Response to Recommendation 30</b>	
Status: <b>IMPLEMENTED</b> (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)	
<p><b>Lancaster:</b>  <i>This is being completed by the shift watch sergeant and watch commander via the Station/Bureau Administration Portal (SBAP) on each shift. Any issues, corrective action needed, or corrective action taken (verbal counseling, PLE, etc.) is able to be documented in the narrative portion of the SBAP system's audit log. The SBAP system allows for record review and analysis.</i></p> <p><b>Palmdale:</b>  <i>Palmdale Station's Watch Sergeant and Watch Commander already randomly audit AB2773 as part of their duties in SBAP. Palmdale Station training staff has implemented recurring briefings regarding AB2773. The SBAP system allows for record review and analysis.</i></p>	
<b>Recommendation 31</b>	
<b>Objective 1(c) - Completeness of Video Recordings</b>	<b>Status</b>
The AV Station deputies must make a concerted effort to consistently keep their BWC activated during a stop or detention from beginning to end. AV Station deputies must be reminded to narrate the reason why they need to de-activate their BWC at any point during the stop or detention. The AAB recommends AV Stations supervisors conduct weekly practical application exercises during daily briefings to ensure deputies understand the proper procedures for activating and de-activating their BWCs as well as reiterating the guidelines for de-activating BWCs. The MPP 3-06/200.18 – Body Worn Camera Recording Exceptions clearly outlines the three exceptions when deputies are allowed to de-activate their cameras. These weekly practical application exercises must be recorded on an APIS roster.	

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**Response to Recommendation 31**

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
 Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. Deputies responsible for an error are directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and are verbally counseled or receive a PLE if issues persist. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.

**Palmdale:**  
 Palmdale Station supervisors are addressing BWC activation issues. The personnel responsible for BWC activation issues is addressed directly by the supervisor conducting the audit (verbally counseled or by receiving a PLE for ongoing issues). Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. A recurring briefing on BWC was last sent out on July 31, 2025. Though APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, they are used in house to track those deputies who have attended the briefing, then entered into a station tracker.

**Recommendation 32**

**Objective 1(c) - Completeness of Video Recordings** Status

During the Daily Stop Audits, to ensure accountability and adherence to the BWC policy, station supervisors must ensure the completeness of deputies' BWC recordings. Deputies who demonstrate a pattern of noncompliance must be held accountable through verbal counseling and/or appropriate written documentation as applicable. AV station supervisors must create a corrective action plan to record and identify deputies who consistently remain noncompliant. This record should also include supervisor's actions taken to assist in the correction of compliance.



**Response to Recommendation 32**

Status: **IMPLEMENTED** (Implemented, Not Implemented, In Progress)

**Lancaster:**  
 Supervisors are addressing the BWC concerns regarding late activations, and not properly labeling the BWC information in their logs. Deputies responsible for an error are directly addressed by the supervisor conducting the audit and are verbally counseled or receive a PLE if issues persist. Deputies are being consistently trained on the BWC policies. The training staff sent five SMS briefings reminding them of the BWC policies in 2024 alone. APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, but are used internally to track training.

**Palmdale:**  
 Palmdale Station supervisors are addressing the BWC issues regarding completeness, late activations, and improperly labeling BWC information in their logs. The personnel responsible for BWC activation issues is addressed directly by the supervisor conducting the audit (verbally counseled or by receiving a PLE for ongoing issues). Deputies are being consistently trained and briefed on the BWC policies. Recurring briefings were last conducted on the BWC policy on July 31, 2025. Though APIS rosters are no longer recognized by the training bureau, they are used at the station level to track all deputies who attended the in person briefing.

Recommendations Implemented	8
Recommendations in Progress	0
Recommendations Not Implemented (Declined, Unable, Already Changed)	0
Total Recommendations	8

## **CONCLUSION**

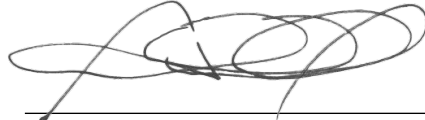
The Audit Recommendation Follow-Up Report highlighted the progress made in addressing the Comprehensive Review Report recommendations. Notable achievements included implementation of several key recommendations, while others are actively being addressed. Despite some delays, clear plans are in place to initiate and complete the remaining recommendations.

Continuous monitoring and dedicated efforts from all Department management will be essential to ensure all recommendations are fully implemented, thereby enhancing our overall compliance with the Agreement, risk management, and operational efficiency.

The AAB will continue to conduct Stops and Detentions Audits in 2025 to uphold transparency and accountability, assess progress, and provide recommendations for ongoing improvement at the AV Stations. These efforts are crucial in assisting the AV Stations in meeting the goals of adhering to the Agreement and achieving the established compliance metrics. By systematically evaluating operational practices, the AAB is committed to fostering a culture of continuous improvement, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness and integrity of operations within the AV Stations.

**Views of Responsible Officials**

On August 21, 2025, the AAB submitted the Audit Recommendation Follow-Up Report to the Division Director, Office of Constitutional Policing.



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