

Peer and Assessor Update March 25, 2016

Good morning,

I wanted to provide you with a couple updates.

I spoke with Kathy Mahl from OCJS on Friday. She has indicated to a few of you in the past that it was not necessary to have comments in each section of the Final Assessor Report. OCJS has revised its position and now requires brief comments in each section. This may appear a bit redundant, but OCJS wants to make sure each area is acknowledged.

Some big news! A new checklist has just been approved which allows an agency to easily show that policies exist without the need to add the Collaborative wording or to use one of the options Director Moore cited in his February 24th memo (attached) which was previously forwarded to the group.

The new checklist (also attached) is a direct result of feedback from our membership group and Peers and Assessors. The new approach allows an agency to keep their own wording and helps to eliminate the concern that some agencies voiced of adopting the Collaborative wording which includes the word "necessary".

The checklist is a positive change and shows the ability of our group to influence policy where appropriate. The change is also a strong signal from OCJS of their desire to work together for viable solutions. You can start recommending the use of the checklist immediately.

Please contact me if questions.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna Braxton, Executive Director, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

From: Karhlton Moore, Executive Director, Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Re: Collaborative Standards Compliance Clarification

Date: February 24, 2016

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance on the ways agencies can demonstrate they have “adopted” the statewide minimum standards created by and approved by the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board (hereinafter the “Collaborative”).

As you are aware, the Governor signed Executive Order 2015-04K establishing the Collaborative on April 29, 2015. The order requires the Office of Criminal Justice Services to “monitor and evaluate all state and local law enforcement departments’ adoption and implementation” of statewide minimum standards. Below are three ways that agencies can demonstrate their adoption of the standards:

1. Incorporation into Policy

Incorporate the text of the policy statement into the agency’s policy. This could be done by placing the statement at the top of the agency’s policy.

2. Issuance of a General Order

Issue a general order or similar written directive with the statewide minimum standard policy statement.

3. Issue a Memo

Issue a memo that incorporates or references the statewide policy statement and contains an affirmation that the agency’s policies are in compliance with that policy statement.

Our focus is to ensure that the first ever statewide minimum standards are adopted by agencies all across Ohio. We are willing to work with the OACP to ensure that agencies have a path to compliance, so if there are additional ways that you believe agencies should be able to demonstrate “adoption” we are more than willing to work with you. For your convenience, I am attaching a link to the law enforcement compliance materials <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative/law-enforcement.html>.

Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Agency Checklist

(To be included with Self Certification Document Submissions)

Name: _____ Title _____

Department/Agency: _____

CALEA Accredited Agency Lexipol Subscriber Agency

Please check all that apply:

Our agency has current policies on Use of Force including Use of Deadly Force and Recruitment and Hiring.

Our agency policies meet the intent of the statewide minimum standards by having a basis in current case law.

Officers within our agency have been made aware of the statewide minimum standards.