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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 1, 2023

Danielle Butler Vappie, Interim Executive Director
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
World Trade Center
350 South Figueroa, Suite 288
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Dear Ms. Vappie:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
RESPONSE TO CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION AND DATA ON THE USE OF TASERS
INVOLVING SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES**

Thank you for the Civilian Oversight Commission's (COC) requests dated April 24, 2023, and May 1, 2023, which both seek additional information and data regarding the Department's use of tasers. Specifically, one request seeks data on usage and demographic data, and the second request involves School Resource Deputies (SRD). The specific requests are:

Request of April 24, 2023:

A written summary and the data on each incident where a taser was used by station and custody operation, from 1/1/2018 to present that includes, but is not limited to:

- a. All available demographics of both the person tasered and the employee using the taser; and*
- b. The outcome of the use of force investigation for each incident.*

Request of May 1, 2023:

A written summary and the data by school on each incident where tasers were used by School Resource Deputies (SRD) from January 2018 to the present that includes, but is not limited to:

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- a. All available demographics for both the person tasered and the employee using the taser; and*
- b. The outcome of the use of force investigation for each incident.*

Regarding the April 24th request, attached please find a 142-page response to the request. The materials were generated via the Performance Recording and Monitoring System's (PRMS) "Force Module," with the requested date range of January 1, 2018, to April 24, 2023. This search yielded 1,432 responsive records. The outcome of the force incident was manually searched and verified with the assistance of Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB).

While every effort has been made to provide a comprehensive listing of the requested materials, the list provided does not include cases pending review in the use of force process. The use of tasers is entered into the Department's data systems at the conclusion of the use of force review process. As a result, any use of force involving a taser which has not completed its review is not yet included in this report.

Regarding the subsequent May 1st request for the same taser information for SRD personnel, the Department currently does not track the information based on a deputy's designation as an SRD. Instead, SRD personnel are assigned to patrol stations and any uses of force are tracked within their designated stations. Therefore, any taser usage would be included in the 142-page response described above, but the involved deputy is not specifically identified as an SRD. The Department, however, will begin tracking this information so that this data can be made available in the future.

Should you have questions regarding our response, please contact me at

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



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