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To: Lieutenant Christopher Minott
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department
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From: Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

In February 2018, the Commission adopted 33 recommendations to help improve the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (LASD) Mental Evaluation Teams (MET) program. The recommendations are outlined in the Commission's MET report¹. Some recommendations include increasing the number of MET teams; prioritizing department-wide de-escalation training with a focus on mental health; promoting inter-agency collaboration with mental health partners; and treating MET and de-escalation training as equally important strategies for reducing use of force incidents generally but specifically when someone is experiencing a mental health episode.

The Commission appreciates the information provided in LASD's MET report.² Because the probability that law enforcement will come in contact with individuals experiencing a mental health episode is great, the Commission is concerned about the heightened risk involved in these situations. Accordingly, the Commission requests that LASD:

1. Provide a written update regarding the Commissions' 33 recommendations listed in our MET report. For each recommendation, please provide whether it has been implemented, is in the progress of being implemented and the expected implementation date, or whether it's been rejected.
2. Provide the contact information for a MET subject matter expert to present at the July 20, 2023, Commission meeting, which will be held from 9:00am-1:00pm at St. Anne's Conference Center located at 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles 90026. The subject matter expert should be prepared to:
 - a. Provide a 5-to-10-minute presentation on the MET program
 - b. Discuss the implementation status of the Commission's 33 recommendations
 - c. Answer Commissioner questions about the MET program

REASON FOR REQUEST

Fulfilling this request will enable the Commission and the public to better understand LASD's operational efforts to provide public safety services for persons with mental health needs.

WHEN SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NEEDED

Please provide the responses **by no later than July 7, 2023**.

¹ Los Angeles County Civilian Oversight Commission (2018). Report Regarding LASD's MET Program. Retrieved from [Commission MET Report 2018](#)

² Mental Evaluation Team Integrated Report. April 2023. Retrieved from http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/MET_2021_2022REPORT.pdf

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with any questions regarding this