TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
FROM: Dave Knopf
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SUBJECT: RADIO COMMUNICATIONS ENCRYPTION REQUIREMENT
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On October 12, 2020 the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) notified law enforcement agencies throughout California of the requirement to encrypt any radio communications that transmit confidential Criminal Justice Information (CJI) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII). This new policy, established by CA DOJ and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Services, establishes procedures for the handling of sensitive law enforcement information (warrant details, probation and parole information, driver’s license, and vehicle registration status).

The San José Police Department is compliant with the above CA DOJ directive for day-to-day operations as all primary dispatch (7 SJPD 1 – 8), back-up (7SJPD 9-11), and special operations channels are encrypted. The exception is the for four seldom-used event control channels (7 SJPD 12-15). The radio shop will be encrypting those channels over the next 6 months during another round of programming.

Effective immediately no CJI or PII information is to be shared over (7 SJPD 12-15) until further notice.

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