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No. PHX-CV-07-02513-GMS

#### STATEMENT OF INTEREST BY THE UNITED STATES

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County, Arizona; et al.,

Defendants.

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Pursuant to its authority under 28 U.S.C. § 517, the United States respectfully submits this Statement of Interest concerning the appropriate form of relief in this case. The United States has a broad interest in ensuring that identified unconstitutional police conduct is adequately remedied. It is responsible for enforcing several federal civil rights statutes that prohibit law enforcement agencies such as the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) from depriving persons of rights under the United States Constitution and federal laws. The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14141, authorizes the Attorney General to file lawsuits seeking court orders to reform

police departments engaging in patterns or practices of civil rights violations. The United States also enforces the anti-discrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin by police departments receiving federal funds. Pursuant to these statutes, the United States has worked to remedy violations of the Constitution and other federal laws and to achieve sustainable reform in numerous law enforcement agencies throughout the country. See, e.g., United States v. Puerto Rico, 12-cv-2039 (D.P.R. filed Dec. 21, 2012); United States v. Town of East Haven, 12-cv-1652 (D. Conn. filed Nov. 20, 2012); United States v. City of Seattle, 12-cv-1282 (W.D. Wash. filed July 27, 2012); United States v. City of New Orleans, 12-cv-1924 (E.D. La. filed July 24, 2012); United 11 States v. Territory of the Virgin Islands, 08-cv-158 (D.V.I. filed Dec. 23, 2008); United 13 States v. City of Detroit, 03-72258 (E.D. Mich. filed June 12, 2003); United States v. City of Los Angeles, 00-cv-11769 (C.D. Cal. filed Nov. 3, 2000); United States v. City of Pittsburgh, 97-cv-354 (W.D. Pa. filed Feb. 26, 1997). 15 16 In its May 24, 2013 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Court asked the 17 parties to consider three previous stipulations of settlement in other jurisdictions, including two secured by the United States. See Doc. 579, Findings of Fact and 18 19 Conclusions of Law, at 141 (referencing stipulations of settlement in United States v. Los Angeles (2001) and United States v. New Jersey (1999)). Additionally, the United States invites the attention of the Court and parties to the very recent Consent Decree in United 21 States v. City of New Orleans, which the United States District Court for the Eastern 23 District of Louisiana formally approved after a contested evidentiary fairness hearing. See Ex. A (Consent Decree Regarding the New Orleans Police Department); United 24 States v. City of New Orleans, 2013 WL 2351266, No. 12-1924 (E.D. La. May 23, 2013) 26 (denying motion to vacate decree). 27

As this Court is aware, the United States also has brought suit against Sheriff Arpaio seeking relief from patterns or practices of constitutional violations, including

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widespread discrimination in policing activities such as traffic stops, workplace enforcement operations, and jail operations; systemic violations of persons' rights under the Fourth Amendment, including during traffic stops and workplace enforcement operations; and retaliation against critics of Arpaio in violation of the First Amendment. See Complaint, United States v. Maricopa County, et al., No. 2:12-cv-981 (May 10, 2013) (attached hereto as Ex. B). The United States' claims in that suit encompass, but are broader than, the unconstitutional discriminatory conduct that this Court has found MCSO to have engaged in concerning its immigration-enforcement-related traffic stops. In seeking a pre-suit resolution of the constitutional violations that the United States found after a three-year investigation of MCSO, the United States proposed to MCSO an agreement informed by the United States' experience securing relief from constitutional violations by law enforcement agencies. The provisions of the proposed agreement are consistent with what the United States—often in partnership with the law enforcement agencies themselves—has found to be effective in remedying systemic constitutional violations, enhancing police services, and restoring the trust of the community in their law enforcement officers. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached as Exhibit C.<sup>1</sup> The United States drafted the proposal in February 2012. The evidence heard by the Court during the trial in this case several months later and the Court's detailed factual findings may require additional relief not addressed in the 2012 proposal.

In this case, given the nature of the violations in which the Court has found the Sheriff to have engaged, and the resistance he has demonstrated to lawful checks on his power, effective relief would include, but not be limited to, the following ingredients:

An independent monitor to assess and report on MCSO's compliance with the remedial measures ordered by the Court;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The proposed agreement is marked as privileged and confidential. News media previously obtained a copy of the proposal in April 2012, <u>See</u> Nick R. Martin & Ryan J. Reilly, "Feds Want Sheriff Joe Arpaio To Rein In His Famous Posses," <u>TPMMuckrakder</u>, April 19, 2012, <u>available at http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2012/04/arpaio\_posse\_justice\_department.php</u>, and counsel for MCSO previously released portions of it to the public, see Matthew Hendley, "Joe Arpaio/MCSO Lawyer Explains Some Actual Objections to Justice Department Monitor," <u>Phoenix New Times</u>, May 14, 2012, <u>available at http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/valleyfever/2012/05/joe\_arpaiomcso\_lawyer\_explains.php</u>. The United States includes it here in its entirety.

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- Reformed policies and procedures to ensure bias-free policing and practices that are consistent with Fourth Amendment protections;
- Adequate training to ensure the compliance of all MCSO personnel;
- Reforms to ensure appropriate supervision of MCSO personnel, including the deployment of sufficient numbers of qualified MCSO supervisors in the field to ensure deputies' compliance;
- Requirements to collect data sufficient to measure the effect of any racial bias on MCSO's traffic enforcement, data relating to such factors as the perceived race of each person stopped, the reasons for each stop, and the time and duration of each stop;
- Provisions for language assistance in policing operations, particularly among those subjected to stops;
- Public meetings on MCSO's reform initiatives, and the ability to adopt or modify measures that take into account public feedback;
- Sustained community outreach so that MCSO can hear and appropriately respond to community concerns;
- The monitor's use of performance metrics to measure MCSO's progress in implementing reforms;
- Appropriate accountability and oversight measures within MCSO, such as an
  "early identification system" to identify and respond to potentially problematic
  behaviors as early as possible; and policies and procedures that encourage the
  reporting of potential misconduct, ensure that such reports are appropriately
  investigated, and that any misconduct is appropriately addressed; and
- Reporting requirements to keep apprised the monitor, the parties, the Court, and the community on MCSO's reform efforts.

The United States has engaged in preliminary conversations with plaintiffs in this case and would welcome the opportunity to participate more directly with the parties in

1	negotiations aimed at reaching an agreement on the form of appropriate relief. The
2	United States believes that such talks appropriately could address the possibility of a
3	global settlement encompassing the United States' claims against the Sheriff in <u>United</u>
4	States v. Maricopa County, et al. Such an agreement would be in the interests of all of
5	the parties, the Court, and the people of Maricopa County. The United States respectful
6	requests that the Court provide the parties and the United States with an opportunity to
7	further discuss mutually acceptable measures.
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## **EXHIBIT A**

# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	17
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,	
Defendant.	

CONSENT DECREE REGARDING
THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The City of New Orleans ("City"), including the New Orleans Police Department ("NOPD" or "Department"), and the United States of America (collectively, "the Parties") enter into this agreement ("Agreement") with the goal of ensuring that police services are delivered to the people of New Orleans in a manner that complies with the Constitution and laws of the United States. The Parties have a shared recognition that the ability of a police department to protect the community it serves is only as strong as the relationship it has with that community. Public safety, constitutional policing, and the community's trust in its police force are thus interdependent. The full and sustained implementation of this Agreement is intended to protect the constitutional rights of all members of the community, improve the safety and security of the people of New Orleans, and increase public confidence in the New Orleans Police Department.

To achieve these goals, NOPD agrees to fundamentally change the way it polices throughout the New Orleans Community. This Agreement thus requires the City and the Department to implement new policies, training, and practices throughout the Department, including in the areas of: use of force; stops, searches, seizures, and arrests; photographic lineups; custodial interrogations; discriminatory policing; community engagement; recruitment; training; performance evaluations; promotions; officer assistance and support; supervision; secondary employment; and misconduct-complaint intake, investigation, and adjudication.

Noting the general principle that settlements are to be encouraged, particularly settlements between government entities, and having considered the terms of the measures set forth herein, and that the Defendant agrees to resolve the United States' claims without resort to adversarial litigation, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Judgment shall be entered in this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

#### I. INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background

In May 2010, the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") formally notified the City that it was initiating an investigation of the New Orleans Police Department for an alleged pattern or practice of unlawful misconduct, pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14141 ("Section 14141"); the anti-discrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d

("Safe Streets Act"); and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d ("Title VI").

As part of its investigation, DOJ, in conjunction with its police-practices consultants, conducted a detailed fact-finding review, including numerous tours of NOPD facilities; interviews with New Orleans officials, NOPD command staff, supervisors, and police officers; review of more than 36,000 pages of documents; and meetings with residents, community groups, and other stakeholders within the City. In addition, DOJ participated in detailed exit interviews between its police-practices consultants and NOPD officials following each investigatory tour.

DOJ issued a written report of its findings ("Report") on March 16, 2011. The Report documents DOJ's finding of a number of patterns or practices of unconstitutional conduct and details DOJ's concerns about a number of NOPD policies and practices.

DOJ's investigation was conducted with the full cooperation of the City and NOPD. This Agreement is the product of a cooperative effort built on the Parties' mutual commitment to constitutional policing. The Parties acknowledge the many NOPD officers who perform their difficult jobs diligently and with integrity.

#### B. General Provisions

- 1. This Agreement is effectuated pursuant to the authority granted to DOJ under Section 14141, the Safe Streets Act, and Title VI to seek declaratory or equitable relief to remedy a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives individuals of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or federal law.
- 2. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to undermine the lawful authority of NOPD police officers to use reasonable and necessary force, effect arrests, conduct searches or make seizures, or otherwise fulfill their law enforcement obligations to the people of New Orleans in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana.
- 3. Nothing in this Agreement, the United States' Complaint, or the negotiation process shall be construed as an admission or evidence of liability under any federal, state, or municipal law including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Nor is the City's entry into this Agreement an admission by the City, NOPD, or any officer or employee of either entity, that they have engaged in any unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise improper activities or conduct.

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345. The United States is authorized to initiate this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 14141 and 42 U.S.C. § 3789d. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Louisiana pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because the Defendant is located in and the claims arose in the Eastern District of Louisiana.
- 5. The Parties enter into this Agreement jointly for the purpose of avoiding the burdens of litigation and to support vigorous and constitutional law enforcement. Moreover, joint entry of this Agreement is in the public interest since it provides for the expeditious implementation of corrective measures, promotes the use of the best available policing practices and procedures, and avoids the diversion of federal and City resources to adversarial actions by the Parties.
- 6. This Agreement resolves all claims in the United States' Complaint filed in this case.
  This Agreement also constitutes a full and complete settlement of any and all civil claims the
  United States may have as of the Effective Date against the City and its officers, employees, or agents, regarding any alleged pattern or practice of conduct by New Orleans police officers in carrying out their law enforcement responsibilities.
- 7. This Agreement shall constitute the entire integrated agreement of the Parties. No prior drafts or prior or contemporaneous communications, oral or written, shall be relevant or admissible for purposes of determining the meaning of any provisions herein in any litigation or any other proceeding.
- 8. This Agreement is binding upon all Parties hereto, by and through their officials, agents, employees, and successors. If the City establishes or reorganizes a government agency or entity whose function includes overseeing, regulating, accrediting, investigating, or otherwise reviewing the operations of NOPD or any aspect thereof, the City agrees to ensure these functions and entities are consistent with the terms of this Agreement and shall incorporate the terms of this Agreement into the oversight, regulatory, accreditation, investigation, or review functions of the government agency or entity as necessary to ensure consistency.
- 9. This Agreement is enforceable only by the Parties. No person or entity is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of the provisions of this Agreement for purposes of any civil, criminal, or administrative action. Accordingly, no person or entity may assert any claim or right as a beneficiary or protected class under this Agreement.
- 10. In the event of any public-records request, requesting drafts of this Agreement or communications among the Parties leading to this Agreement, the Court will maintain continuing

jurisdiction over any such request. Further, the Parties may assert in any action, motion, subpoena, or request for disclosure of information the ongoing applicability of a settlement privilege to all such drafts or communications among the Parties leading to this Agreement.

- 11. This Agreement is not intended to limit or expand the right of any person or organization to seek relief against the City, NOPD, or any officer or employee thereof, for their conduct or the conduct of NOPD officers; accordingly, it does not alter legal standards governing any such claims by third parties, including those arising from city, state, or federal law. This Agreement does not expand, nor will it be construed to expand, access to any City, NOPD, or DOJ documents, except as expressly provided by this Agreement, by persons or entities other than DOJ, the Defendant, and the Monitor.
- 12. The City is responsible for providing necessary support and resources to NOPD to enable NOPD to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.
- 13. The Defendant, by and through its officials, agents, employees, and successors, is enjoined from engaging in conduct that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the laws of the United States.

#### C. Definitions/Abbreviations

- 14. The following terms and definitions shall apply to this Agreement:
  - a) "Active resistance" means a subject attempts to attack or does attack an officer; exhibits aggressive behavior (e.g., lunging toward the officer, striking the officer with hands, fists, kicks or any instrument that may be perceived as a weapon such as knife or stick); or exhibits defensive resistance (e.g., attempts to leave the scene, flee, hide from detection, or pull away from the officer's grasp). Verbal statements, bracing, or tensing alone do not constitute active resistance.
  - b) "Apprehension" means the arrest, capture, or taking into custody of a person.
  - c) "Arrest" is the taking of one person into custody by another. To constitute arrest there must be an actual restraint of the person. The restraint may be imposed by force or may result from the submission of the person arrested to the custody of the one arresting him. An arrest is a restraint of greater scope or duration than an investigatory stop or detention. An arrest is lawful when supported by probable cause.
  - d) "AVL" means "Automatic Vehicle Locator," a device that automatically tracks the geographic position of a vehicle and transmits that information to a receiver.

- e) "Bilingual staff" means a staff person who has demonstrated and verified proficiency, pursuant to generally accepted objective criteria, in both spoken English and at least one other language as authorized by NOPD.
- f) "Bite ratio" means the number of canine apprehensions that result in a bite, divided by the number of canine apprehensions. Accidental and/or unintentional bites shall be included in the numerator.
- g) "Body cavity search" means any visual or physical inspection of a person's genital or anal region with or without any physical contact with or intrusion into a body cavity.
- h) "Canine apprehension" means any time a canine is deployed and plays a clear and well-documented role in the capture of a person. The mere presence of a canine at the scene of an arrest shall not count as a canine apprehension.
- i) "Canine deployment" means any situation, except one involving an on-leash article search only, in which a canine is brought to the scene and used in an attempt to locate or apprehend a suspect, whether or not a suspect actually is located or apprehended.
- j) "CCMS" means Criminal Case Management System.
- k) "Civilian Employee" means any non-sworn personnel employed by NOPD, on either a temporary or permanent basis, in either a paid or unpaid capacity.
- 1) "City" means the City of New Orleans, including its agents, officers, and employees.
- m) "CIT" means Crisis Intervention Team.
- n) "Clearance" means an arrest leading to prosecution for an offense is made or an offense is cleared by exception. Offenses cleared by exception must be supported by all of the following factors: 1) the identity of the offender is known; 2) probable cause exists to support arrest and prosecution of the offender; and 3) the exact location of the offender is known, but something prevents the immediate arrest, such as the death of the offender, including suicide, or the offender is currently in custody at a correctional facility in another jurisdiction.
- o) "Complainant" means any person, including an NOPD officer or employee, who makes a complaint against NOPD or an officer or employee of NOPD.
- p) "Complaint" means any complaint regarding NOPD services, policy or procedure, any claim for damages, or any criminal matter that alleges possible misconduct by an NOPD officer or employee. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "complaint" does not include

- any allegation of employment discrimination.
- q) "Court" means the United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana presiding over this case.
- r) "Critical firearm discharge" means a discharge of a firearm by an NOPD officer, including discharges where no person or animal is struck. Range and training firings, destruction of animals, and off-duty hunting discharges where no person is struck are not critical firearms discharges.
- s) "Custodial Interrogation" means words or actions on the part of an officer that the officer knows or should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response, after a person has been taken into custody.
- t) "DA" means the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office.
- u) "Demographic Category" means age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- v) "Discipline" means a personnel action for violation of an established law, regulation, rule, or NOPD policy, including an admonishment, written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or dismissal.
- w) "Discriminatory Policing" means selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, including the selecting or rejecting of particular policing tactics or strategies based on membership in a demographic category specified in this Agreement. Discriminatory policing does not include using race, ethnicity, or any other status in any reliable and recent suspect-specific description.
- x) "District" means one of the eight police service areas of NOPD located throughout New Orleans that is led through the chain of command by a District Commander.
- y) "DOJ" means the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and its agents and employees.
- z) "DVU" means Domestic Violence Unit.
- aa) "ECW" means Electronic Control Weapon, a weapon designed primarily to discharge electrical charges into a subject that will cause involuntary muscle contractions and overrides the subject's voluntary motor responses.
- bb) "ECW application" means the contact and delivery of electrical impulse to a subject with an Electronic Control Weapon.

- cc) "Effective Date" means the day this Agreement is entered by the Court.
- dd) "EWS" means Early Warning System.
- ee) "FBI" means the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- ff) "Firearm" means a pistol, revolver, shotgun, carbine, or machine gun, as well as any instrument capable of discharging a bullet or shot.
- gg) "FIT" means Force Investigation Team, the NOPD unit tasked with conducting investigations of serious uses of force; uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer; uses of force by NOPD personnel of a rank higher than sergeant; and uses of force reassigned to FIT by the Superintendant, the Superintendant's designee, or PIB. FIT shall also investigate all instances where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD.
- hh) "Force Statement" means a written statement documenting a use of force as required by this Agreement.
- ii) "FTO" means Field Training Officer.
- ij) "IACP" means International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- kk) "ICO" means Integrity Control Officer.
- Il) "Implement" or "implementation" means the development or putting into place of a policy or procedure, including the appropriate training of all relevant personnel, and the consistent and verified performance of that policy or procedure in actual practice.
- mm) "Including" means "including, but not limited to."
- nn) "Interpretation" means the act of listening to a communication in one language (source language) and orally converting it into another language (target language), while retaining the same meaning.
- oo) "Interview" means questioning for the purpose of eliciting facts or information.
- pp) "Investigatory stop" or "investigatory detention" means a temporary restraint where the subject of the stop or detention reasonably believes that s/he is not free to leave. An investigatory stop or detention may be a pedestrian, vehicle, or bicycle stop.
- qq) "IPM" means the Independent Police Monitor.
- rr) "Less-lethal force" means force employed that is neither likely nor intended to cause death or serious injury.
- ss) "Less-lethal weapon" means any apprehension or restraint tool that, when used as

- designed and intended, is less likely to cause death or serious injury than a conventional lethal weapon (e.g., firearm).
- tt) "Lethal force" means any use of force likely to cause death or serious physical injury, (e.g., the use of a firearm, neck hold, or strike to the head, neck, or throat with a hard object). uu) "LEP" means Limited English Proficient, and refers to a person who does not speak English as his/her primary language and has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. LEP individuals may be competent in certain types of communication (e.g., speaking or understanding), but still be LEP for other purposes (e.g., reading or writing).
- vv) "LGBT" means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender.
- ww) "Major Special Events" include Mardi Gras; Jazz Fest; Essence Music Festival; French Quarter Festival; Voodoo Fest; college bowl and college championship events; professional sporting events; and other events as designated by the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, the City Attorney, City Council, or the Superintendent of Police as a "Major Special Event."
- xx) "MCTU" means Mobile Crisis Transportation Unit.
- yy) "Monitor" means a person or team of people who shall be selected to monitor and report on implementation of this Agreement.
- zz) "Neck hold" means one of the following types of holds: (1) arm-bar control hold, a hold that inhibits breathing by compression of the airway in the neck; (2) carotid restraint hold, a hold that inhibits blood flow by compression of the blood vessels in the neck; (3) a lateral vascular neck constraint; or (4) a hold with a knee or other object to the back of a prone subject's neck. A neck hold shall be considered lethal force.
- aaa) "NOFJC" means the New Orleans Family Justice Center.
- bbb) "Non-disciplinary corrective action" means action other than discipline taken by an NOPD supervisor to enable or encourage an officer to improve his or her performance.
- ccc) "NOPD" means the New Orleans Police Department and its agents, officers, supervisors, and employees (both sworn and unsworn).
- ddd) "NOPD unit" means any designated organization of officers within NOPD, including districts and specialized units.
- eee) "NOPDAI" means NOPD Authorized Interpreter, a bilingual NOPD employee, who has

been authorized to interpret for others in certain situations, such as interviews, interrogations, or taking and responding to citizen complaints.

- fff) "NOPDAI List" means a list of NOPD personnel who are bilingual and are authorized to act as volunteer interpreters.
- ggg) "Passive Resistance" means behavior that is unresponsive to police verbal communication or direction (e.g., ignoring or disregarding police attempts at verbal communication or control; going limp; or failing to physically respond or move) and verbal resistance (e.g., verbally rejecting police verbal communication or direction; telling the officer that he or she will not comply with police direction, to leave alone, or not bother him or her). Bracing, tensing, linking arms, or verbally signaling an intention to avoid or prevent being taken into custody constitutes passive resistance.
- hhh) "PCAB" means Police-Community Advisory Board.
- iii) "Personnel" means NOPD officers and employees.
- jjj) "PIB" means the Public Integrity Bureau, the NOPD unit charged with conducting internal and administrative investigations of NOPD officers and employees.
- kkk) "Police officer" or "officer" means any law enforcement agent employed by NOPD, including supervisors and cadets.
- Ill) "Policies and Procedures" means written regulations or directives, regardless of the name of the regulation or directive, describing the duties, functions, and obligations of NOPD officers and/or employees, and providing specific direction in how to fulfill those duties, functions, or obligations.
- mmm) "POST" means the Louisiana Police Officer Standards and Training Council.
  nnn) "Probable cause" means that the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the
  time would justify a prudent person in believing that the suspect committed or was
  committing an offense.
- ooo) "Reasonable Force" means force that is objectively reasonable under the circumstances and the minimum amount of force necessary to effect an arrest or protect the officer or other person.
- ppp) "Reasonable suspicion" means articulable facts that, within the totality of the circumstances, lead an officer to reasonably suspect that criminal activity has been or is about to be committed.

- qqq) "RSE" means Recurring Secondary Employment.
- rrr) "SART" means Sexual Assault Response Team.
- sss) "Seizure" or "detention" occurs when an officer's words or actions would convey to a reasonable person that he or she is not free to leave.
- ttt) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death; causes death or serious and protracted disfigurement; or causes impairment of the function of any bodily organ or limb.
- uuu) "Serious use of force" means: (1) all uses of lethal force by an NOPD officer; (2) all critical firearm discharges by an NOPD officer; (3) all uses of force by an NOPD officer resulting in serious physical injury or requiring hospitalization; (4) all neck holds; (5) all uses of force by an NOPD officer resulting in a loss of consciousness; (7) all canine bites; (8) more than two applications of an ECW on an individual during a single interaction, regardless of the mode or duration of the application, and whether the applications are by the same or different officers, or ECW application for longer than 15 seconds, whether continuous or consecutive; and (9) any strike, blow, kick, ECW application, or similar use of force against a handcuffed subject.
- vvv) "Service firearm" means any firearm issued to sworn personnel by the Department.
- www) "Shall" or "Agrees to" means that the provision imposes a mandatory duty.
- xxx) "Specialized unit" means a temporary or permanent organization of officers within NOPD, whose operational objectives are focused on a specific law enforcement purpose beyond general patrol or criminal investigations, and that require enhanced training on police tactics, strategies, or techniques.
- yyy) "Strip search" means any search of an individual requiring the removal or rearrangement of some or all clothing to permit visual inspection of the suspect's groin/genital area, buttocks, female breasts, or undergarments covering these areas.
- zzz) "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of NOPD.
- aaaa) "Supervisor" means a sworn NOPD employee at the rank of sergeant or above (or anyone acting in those capacities) and non-sworn NOPD personnel with oversight responsibility for other officers.
- bbbb) "Translation" means the replacement of written text from one language (source language) with an equivalent written text in another language (target language).

ccce) "Use of force" means physical effort to compel compliance by an unwilling subject above unresisted handcuffing, including pointing a firearm at a person. A reportable use of force is any force above hand control or escort techniques applied for the purposes of handcuffing, or escort techniques that are not used as pressure point compliance techniques, do not result in injury or complaint of injury, and are not used to overcome resistance. dddd) "Use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer" means force that a reasonable and trained supervisor would conclude could result in criminal charges due to the apparent circumstances of the use of force, such as the level of the force used as compared to the resistance encountered, or discrepancies in the use of force as described by the officer and the use of force as evidenced by any resulting injuries, witness statements, or other evidence. eeee) "Use of Force Report" means a written report documenting a supervisor's investigation of a use of force as required by this Agreement.

ffff) "UFRB" means Use of Force Review Board.

gggg) "USAO" means the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New Orleans.

hhhh) "VAW" means violence against women.

iiii) "Vehicle stop" means any instance where an NOPD officer directs a civilian operating a motor vehicle of any type to stop and the driver is detained for any length of time.

#### II. POLICIES AND TRAINING GENERALLY

NOPD agrees that its policies and procedures shall reflect and express the Department's core values and priorities, and provide clear direction to ensure that officers and civilian employees enforce the law effectively and constitutionally. NOPD and the City agree to ensure that all NOPD officers and employees are trained to understand and be able to fulfill their duties and responsibilities pursuant to NOPD policies and procedures. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

#### A. Policy Development, Review, and Implementation

15. NOPD agrees to develop comprehensive and agency-wide policies and procedures that ensure consistency with, and full implementation of, this Agreement. Unless otherwise noted, NOPD agrees that all policies, procedures, and manuals shall be developed within 365 days of the Effective Date.

- 16. NOPD agrees that its policies and procedures shall define terms clearly, comply with applicable law and the requirements of this Agreement, and comport with best practices.
- NOPD agrees to apply policies uniformly and hold officers accountable for complying with NOPD policy and procedure.
- NOPD agrees to review each policy or procedure 365 days after it is implemented and annually thereafter, to ensure that the policy or procedure provides effective direction to NOPD personnel and remains consistent with the Agreement, best practices, and current law. NOPD also agrees to review and revise policies and procedures as necessary upon notice of a significant policy deficiency during audits or reviews. NOPD agrees that Department-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in a Department-level policy and procedure manual, and unit-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in unit-level policy and procedure manuals. NOPD agrees to develop and implement policy and procedure manuals for, at a minimum, the following NOPD functions:
  - a) Field operations, including patrol, task forces, and special operations;
  - b) Supervisory Procedural Manual;
  - c) PIB, including case and records management, administrative investigations, confidential investigations, parallel criminal and administrative investigations, audits, and officer drug testing;
  - d) Use of Force Reporting, Investigation, and Review, including both Supervisory and FIT investigations;
  - e) Criminal investigations, including sub-units assigned to investigate homicides, sexual assaults, domestic violence, narcotics, vice, and illegal firearms; and
  - f) Recruitment and Training, including Academy and In-Service training.
- 19. NOPD agrees that these manuals shall incorporate and otherwise be consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.
- 20. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall set out a schedule for completing all policies, procedures, and manuals within 365 days of the Effective Date.
- 21. NOPD agrees to submit new and revised policies, procedures, and manuals related to:
  Use, Reporting, and Review of Force; Crisis Intervention Team; Stop, Searches, and Arrest;
  Custodial Interrogations; Biased Policing; Community Engagement; Academy and In-service
  Training; Supervision; and Misconduct Investigations ("the specified provisions"), to the

Monitor and DOJ for review and comment prior to publication and implementation. If the Monitor or DOJ object that the proposed new or revised policy, procedure, or manual does not incorporate the requirements of this Agreement, or is inconsistent with this Agreement or the law, it shall note this objection in writing to all parties within 15 business days of the receipt of the policy from NOPD. If neither the Monitor nor DOJ object to the new or revised policy, procedure, or manual, NOPD agrees to implement it within 30 days of it being provided to DOJ and the Monitor.

- 22. NOPD shall have 15 days to resolve any objections to the new or revised policies, procedures, and manuals implementing the specified provisions. If, after this 15-day period has run, DOJ maintains its objection, then the Monitor shall have an additional 15 days to resolve the objection. If either party disagrees with the Monitor's resolution of the objection, either Party may ask the Court to resolve the matter. The Monitor shall determine whether in some instances an additional amount of time is necessary to ensure full and proper review of policies. Factors to consider in making this determination include: 1) complexity of the policy; 2) extent of disagreement regarding policy; 3) number of policies provided simultaneously; and 4) extraordinary circumstances delaying review by DOJ or the Monitor. In determining whether these factors warrant additional time for review, the Monitor shall fully consider the importance of prompt implementation of policies, and shall allow additional time for policy review only where it is clear that additional time is necessary to ensure full and proper review. Any extension to the above timelines by the Monitor shall also toll NOPD's deadline for policy completion.
- 23. For all other new and revised policies, procedures, and manuals related to this Agreement, NOPD agrees to provide the policy, procedure, or manual to DOJ and the Monitor for review and comment. Within 30 days of receipt, DOJ or the Monitor may notify NOPD of any concerns that it has regarding the policy's compliance with this Agreement or the law. If concerns are expressed, NOPD agrees to review the policy, procedure, or manual and modify as necessary to ensure full implementation of, and compliance with, this Agreement and the law. If DOJ or the Monitor believes that the policy, procedure, or manual remains inconsistent with this Agreement or the law, it may ask the Court to resolve the matter.

#### B. Training on Revised Policies, Procedures, and Practices

- 24. Within 60 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide an opportunity for each officer and employee to learn about this Agreement and the responsibilities of each officer and employee pursuant to it.
- 25. Within 90 days of issuing a policy or procedure pursuant to this Agreement, NOPD agrees to ensure that all relevant NOPD personnel have received and read their responsibilities pursuant to the policy or procedure, including the requirement that each officer or employee report violations of policy; that supervisors of all ranks be held accountable for identifying and responding to policy or procedure violations by personnel under their command; and that personnel be held accountable for policy and procedure violations. NOPD agrees to document that each relevant NOPD officer or other employee has received and read the policy. Training beyond roll call, or similar training, will be necessary for many new policies to ensure officers understand and can perform their duties pursuant to the policy.
- 26. Unless otherwise noted, the training required pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered within 365 days of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall set out a schedule for delivering all training required by this Agreement within 365 days of the Effective Date.

#### III. USE OF FORCE

NOPD agrees to develop and implement force policies, training, and review mechanisms that ensure that force by NOPD officers is used in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, and that any unreasonable uses of force are identified and responded to appropriately. NOPD agrees to ensure that officers use non-force techniques to effect compliance with police orders whenever feasible; use force only when necessary, and in a manner that avoids unnecessary injury to officers and civilians; and deescalate the use of force at the earliest possible moment. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

#### A. Use of Force Principles

- 27. Use of force by NOPD officers, regardless of the type of force or weapon used, shall abide by the following requirements:
  - a) officers shall use advisements, warnings, and verbal persuasion, when possible, before resorting to force;

- b) force shall be de-escalated immediately as resistance decreases;
- c) when feasible based on the circumstances, officers will use disengagement; area containment; surveillance; waiting out a subject; summoning reinforcements; and/or calling in specialized units, in order to reduce the need for force and increase officer and civilian safety;
- d) officers shall allow individuals time to submit to arrest before force is used wherever possible;
- e) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit neck holds, except where lethal force is authorized;
- f) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit head strikes with a hard object, except where lethal force is authorized:
- g) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit using force against persons in handcuffs, except as objectively reasonable to prevent imminent bodily harm to the officer or another person or persons, or, as objectively reasonable, where physical removal is necessary to overcome passive resistance;
- h) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit the use of force above unresisted handcuffing to overcome passive resistance, except that physical removal is permitted as necessary and objectively reasonable;
- i) unholstering a firearm and pointing it at a person constitutes a use of force, and shall accordingly be done only as objectively reasonable to accomplish a lawful police objective;
- j) officers shall not use force to attempt to effect compliance with a command that is unlawful. Any use of force by an officer to subdue an individual resisting arrest or detention is unreasonable when the initial arrest or detention of the individual was unlawful;
- k) immediately following a use of force, officers and, upon arrival, a supervisor shall inspect and observe subjects for injury or complaints of pain resulting from the use of force, and immediately obtain any necessary medical care. This may require an officer to provide emergency first aid until professional medical care providers are on scene.

#### B. General Use of Force Policy

28. NOPD agrees to develop and implement an overarching agency-wide use of force policy that complies with applicable law and comports with best practices and current professional standards. The comprehensive use of force policy shall include all force techniques, technologies, and weapons, both lethal and less-lethal, that are available to NOPD officers,

including standard-issue weapons that are made available to all officers, and weapons that are made available only to specialized units. The comprehensive use of force policy shall clearly define and describe each force option and the circumstances under which use of such force is appropriate. The general use of force policy will incorporate the use of force principles articulated above, and shall specify that the unreasonable use of force will subject officers to discipline, possible criminal prosecution, and/or civil liability.

29. In addition to a primary agency-wide use of force policy, NOPD agrees to develop and implement policies and protocols for each authorized weapon, including each of the types of force addressed below. No officer shall carry any weapon, or use force, that is not authorized by the Department. NOPD use of force policies shall include training and certification requirements that each officer must meet before being permitted to carry and use the authorized weapon.

#### C. Vehicle Pursuits

- 30. NOPD agrees to prohibit vehicle pursuits, except where an officer obtains express supervisory approval, and the officer and supervisor have considered multiple factors and determined that the immediate danger to the public created by the pursuit is less than the immediate or potential danger to the public should the suspect remain at large. NOPD agrees to strictly prohibit the creation of roadblocks (i.e., completely blocking the roadway with vehicles or any obstructions, with the exception of approved devices designed to demobilize the pursued vehicle's movement) during a vehicle pursuit, intentionally positioning oneself in the path of the pursued vehicle, boxing in a violator with moving vehicles, and ramming a violator.
- 31. NOPD agrees to track and analyze vehicle pursuit, including the violation that prompted the pursuit; the officer(s) involved in the pursuit; the supervisor approving the pursuit; the outcome of the pursuit; any officer, suspect, or bystander injuries or deaths; property damage; and related criminal or civil legal actions. This data and analysis shall be included in the EWS and in NOPD's Use of Force Annual report.

#### D. Use of Firearms

- 32. Officers shall not possess or use unauthorized firearms or ammunition while on-duty.
- 33. All officers' firearms shall be filled with the capacity number of rounds while on-duty.
- 34. Critical firearm discharges by officers on- or off-duty shall be reported and investigated.
- 35. Officers shall not discharge a firearm from a moving vehicle or at a moving vehicle unless the occupants of the vehicle are using deadly force, other than the vehicle itself, against

the officer or another person, and such action is necessary for self defense or to protect the other person; shall not intentionally place themselves in the path of, or reach inside, a moving vehicle; and, where possible, shall attempt to move out of the path of a moving vehicle before discharging their weapon.

- 36. Officers shall not draw or exhibit a firearm unless the circumstances surrounding the incident create a reasonable belief that a situation may escalate to the point where lethal force would be authorized. NOPD policy and training shall require and teach proper techniques for unholstering, drawing, or exhibiting a firearm.
- 37. Officers shall be required at least once each year to successfully qualify with each firearm they are authorized to use or carry while on-duty. Officers who fail to qualify shall immediately relinquish NOPD issued firearms on which they failed to qualify. Those officers who still fail to qualify after remedial training within a reasonable time shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Critical firearms discharge related data and analysis shall be tracked in the EWS and in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.

#### E. <u>Use of Canines</u>

- 38. DOJ acknowledges that NOPD has implemented an interim canine policy and has initiated significant improvements in its canine operations, including improvements in the quality and amount of training of canine teams, improvements in handler control of canines, personnel changes, and equipment procurement. Building on these steps, NOPD agrees to finalize and implement canine policies and procedures that comply with applicable law and the requirements of this Agreement, and that comport with best practices and current professional standards.
- 39. Canine handlers shall limit off-leash canine deployments, searches, and other instances where there is an increased risk of a canine bite to a suspect to instances in which the suspect is wanted for a violent felony or is reasonably suspected to be armed based upon individualized information specific to the subject.
- 40. A canine handler shall keep his or her canine within visual and auditory range during deployments at all times, except when a canine clears a threshold (e.g., rounding a corner, entering a room, ascending/descending a stairwell).
- 41. A canine supervisor shall be on call or on-duty at all times. A canine handler shall have approval from a canine supervisor (sergeant or higher) prior to deployment. If the handler is unable to contact a canine-unit supervisor, the handler shall seek approval from the watch

commander before the canine can be deployed. The approving supervisor shall not serve as a canine handler in the deployment.

- 42. Canine handlers shall issue three loud and clear warnings that a canine will be deployed and advise the suspect to surrender, unless such warnings impose an imminent threat of danger to the canine handler or other officers on scene. A canine handler shall allow a sufficient period of time between each warning to provide a suspect an opportunity to surrender. These warnings shall be given in either Spanish or Vietnamese if the suspect is reasonably believed to be a Latino or Vietnamese LEP individual.
- 43. Canine handlers will only allow their canines to engage a suspect by biting if the handler is in visual and auditory range of a suspect and the suspect's actions pose a risk of imminent danger to the handler or others, risk of serious harm to the canine, or if the suspect is actively resisting (active resistance does not include concealment and refusal to surrender without more) or escaping. Handlers will not allow their canine to engage a suspect by biting if a lower level of force could reasonably be expected to control the suspect or allow for the apprehension.
- 44. In instances where a canine apprehends a suspect by biting, the handler will call the canine off at the first moment the canine can be safely released, taking into account that the average person will struggle if seized or confronted by a canine.
- 45. Whenever an individual sustains a canine bite, the handler or an on-scene officer shall immediately contact an NOPD dispatcher to request Emergency Medical Services response. If additional medical attention is required, the individual shall be transported to a medical facility for treatment.
- 46. For each canine apprehension, the involved handler, as well as all other officers who used or observed force, shall complete a Force Statement before the end of shift. In addition to the information that must be included in all Force Statements, a canine handler's Force Statement documenting a canine apprehension shall include the following: (1) whether there was contact between the canine and the subject, including contact with the subject's clothing; (2) documentation of the duration of the canine's contact with a subject; and (3) the approximate distance of the canine from the handler at time of apprehension. In addition, in all apprehensions where there is canine contact, visible injury to a suspect, or a complaint of injury, an uninvolved supervisor shall be summoned to the scene for the purpose of completing a Use of Force Report consistent with investigative requirements established under this Agreement.

- 47. An uninvolved canine supervisor shall evaluate each canine deployment for compliance with NOPD policy and state and federal law, and document this evaluation.
- 48. NOPD agrees to establish and maintain a canine certification program that ensures that:

  (1) canines and their handlers demonstrate control and proficiency in specific, widely accepted obedience and criminal apprehension exercises; (2) canines and their handlers receive a minimum of 16 hours of training every four weeks; (3) the trainer keeps detailed records of whether each canine team has met specific control criteria for each control exercise, and what remedial training was given if a canine team was deficient in any area; and (4) the trainer reports all deficiencies to the unit supervisor. The program shall ensure that canines are certified annually by a nationally recognized trainer or organization, and that a canine is not deployed unless its certification is current. NOPD agrees to ensure that the certifying agency's standards are consistent with NOPD policy and standards.
- 49. NOPD agrees to employ the services of a qualified trainer who is capable of providing certified canine training, and who delivers such training and maintains training records in accordance with NOPD policy and this Agreement.
- 50. NOPD agrees to centrally record and track each canine team's training records, certification records, and health records, regardless of whether individual handlers also maintain records.
- 51. NOPD agrees to track canine deployments and canine apprehensions, and to calculate and track canine bite ratios on a monthly basis to assess its canine unit and individual canine teams.
- 52. NOPD agrees to include canine bite ratios as an element of the EWS, and to provide for the review, pursuant to the protocol for that system, of the performance of any handler whose bite ratio exceeds 20 percent during a six-month period, or the entire unit if the unit's bite ratio exceeds that threshold, and to require interventions as appropriate. Canine data and analysis shall be included in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.
- 53. NOPD agrees not to request or use the services of any canine, whether owned by NOPD or any other jurisdiction, without first ensuring that the canine is controllable and otherwise able to meet the standards required by NOPD policy.

#### F. <u>Electronic Control Weapons</u>

- 54. Officers shall use ECWs only when such force is necessary to protect the officer, the subject, or another party from physical harm, and other less intrusive means would be ineffective. Officers shall be authorized to use ECWs to control a violent suspect when attempts to subdue the suspect by other tactics have been, or will likely be, ineffective and there is a reasonable expectation that it will be unsafe for officers to approach the suspect within contact range.
- 55. Unless doing so would place any person at risk, officers shall issue a verbal warning to the subject that the ECW will be used prior to its use. Where feasible, the officer will defer ECW application for a reasonable time to allow the subject to comply with the warning.
- 56. ECWs will not be used where such deployment may cause serious injury or death from situational hazards, including falling, drowning, losing control of a moving vehicle, or igniting a potentially explosive or flammable material or substance, except where lethal force would be permitted.
- 57. After one standard ECW cycle (5 seconds), the officer shall reevaluate the situation to determine if subsequent cycles are necessary. Officers shall be trained in the risks of prolonged or repeated ECW exposure, including that exposure to the ECW for longer than 15 seconds, whether due to multiple applications or continuous cycling, may increase the risk of death or serious injury. Officers shall independently justify each cycle used against a subject in written Force Statements.
- 58. Officers shall not intentionally activate more than one ECW at a time against a subject.
- 59. ECWs shall not be used in drive-stun mode as a pain compliance technique. ECWs shall be used in drive-stun mode only to supplement the probe mode to complete the incapacitation circuit, or as a countermeasure to gain separation between officers and the subject, so that officers can consider another force option.
- 60. ECWs shall not be used against visibly pregnant women, elderly persons, young children, or visibly frail persons, except where lethal force would be permitted, or where the officer has reasonable cause to believe there is an imminent risk of serious physical injury. Officers shall determine the reasonableness of ECW use based upon all circumstances, including the subject's age, size, physical condition, and the feasibility of lesser force options. Officers shall be trained in the increased risks that ECWs may present to the above-listed vulnerable populations.

- 61. ECWs may not be applied to a subject's head, neck, or genitalia, except where lethal force would be permitted, or where the officer has reasonable cause to believe there is an imminent risk of serious physical injury.
- 62. ECWs shall not be used on handcuffed subjects, unless doing so is necessary to prevent them from causing serious physical injury to themselves or others, and if lesser attempts of control have been ineffective.
- 63. Officers shall keep ECWs in a weak-side holster to reduce the chances of accidentally drawing and/or firing a firearm.
- **64.** Officers shall receive annual ECW certifications, which should consist of physical competency; weapon retention; NOPD policy, including any policy changes; technology changes; and scenario-based training.
- 65. Officers shall be trained in and follow protocols developed by NOPD, in conjunction with medical professionals, on their responsibilities following ECW use, including:
  - a) the removal of ECW probes, including requiring medical or specially trained NOPD personnel to remove probes that are embedded in a subject's skin, except for probes that are embedded in a subject's head, throat, groin, or other sensitive area, which should be removed by medical personnel only;
  - b) the risk of positional asphyxia, and training officers to use a restraint technique that does not impair the subject's respiration following an ECW application;
  - c) the transportation to a hospital for evaluation of all subjects who: have been exposed to prolonged application (more than 15 seconds); are a member of one of the vulnerable populations listed above; or had an ECW used against them in circumstances presenting a heightened risk of harm, such as subjects under the influence of drugs and/or exhibiting symptoms associated with excited delirium; or were kept in prone restraint after ECW use; and
  - d) the monitoring of all subjects who have received ECW application while in police custody.
- 66. Officers shall report all ECW discharges (except for training discharges), laser painting, and/or arcing of weapons to their supervisor and the communications command center as soon as possible.

- 67. NOPD agrees to develop and implement integrity safeguards on the use of ECWs to ensure compliance with NOPD policy, including conducting random and directed audits of ECW deployment data. The audits should compare the downloaded data to the officer's Force Statement. Discrepancies within the audit should be addressed and appropriately investigated.
- 68. NOPD agrees to include the number of ECWs in operation, and the number of ECW uses, as elements of the EWS. Analysis of this data shall include a determination of whether ECWs result in an increase in the use of force, and whether officer and subject injuries are affected by the rate of ECW use. In addition, the analysis shall include laser painting and arcing of weapons to measure the prevention/deterrence effectiveness associated with the use of ECWs. ECW data and analysis shall be included in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.

#### G. Oleoresin Capsicum Spray

69. NOPD agrees to prohibit the use or possession of Oleoresin Capsicum Spray by on-duty officers, including officers working secondary employment.

#### H. SWAT Teams

- 70. The mission of SOD's Tactical Platoons (currently known as "SWAT" Teams) shall be limited to providing a specialized response to critical situations where a tactical response is required, such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service and high-risk apprehension, and terrorism response. The policy shall prohibit SWAT tactics and equipment from being deployed or used for routine or "proactive" patrol functions or crime prevention, or for the service of non-high-risk warrants, unless approved in writing by a Deputy Superintendent. This provision does not prohibit SWAT Team members from providing uniformed policing services.
- 71. NOPD agrees to provide written guidance on what types of warrants may be considered "high-risk," and what tactics are permissible for the service of high-risk warrants. Barring emergency circumstances, the SWAT Team shall have the primary responsibility for execution of any high-risk warrant utilizing tactical team officers equipped with special equipment, training, and weapons.
- 72. In addition to any Use of Force Reports, the SWAT Team shall document its activities in detail, including by preparing written operational plans in consistent formats, and written afteraction reports subsequent to call-outs and deployments to critical situations, such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service, high-risk apprehension, and terrorism

- response. After-action reports shall address any areas of concern related to policy, training, equipment, or tactics.
- 73. Supervisory review of SWAT Team deployments shall be conducted by an uninvolved, command-level supervisor possessing the requisite knowledge and expertise to analyze and critique specialized response protocols, and shall identify any policy, training, equipment, or tactical concerns raised by the action. Command staff shall identify areas of concern or particular successes, and shall implement the appropriate response, including modifications to policy, training, equipment, or tactics.
- 74. No NOPD personnel shall serve on the SWAT Team for more than five consecutive years (or three consecutive years from the Effective Date, whichever is later), unless they provide a specialized-service function (e.g., negotiator, bomb technician). After this period of service, all personnel shall be reassigned for a period of three years before they may return to SWAT
- 75. NOPD agrees to track and analyze the number of SWAT Team deployments. The analysis shall include the reason for each activation, the legal authority, type of warrant (if applicable), and the result of each deployment, including: (1) the location; (2) the number of arrests; (3) the type of evidence or property seized; (4) whether a forcible entry was required; (5) whether a weapon was discharged by a SWAT Team member; and (6) whether a person or domestic animal was injured or killed. This data analysis shall be entered into the EWS and included in NOPD's annual Use of Force Report.

#### I. Use of Force Reporting Policy and Use of Force Report

- 76. NOPD agrees to develop and implement a uniform reporting system pursuant to a Use of Force Reporting policy, using a uniform, supervisor Use of Force Report, which will include individual officer Force Statements. NOPD uses of force shall be divided into four levels:
  - a) Level 1 uses of force include pointing a firearm at a person and hand control or escort techniques (e.g., elbow grip, wrist grip, or shoulder grip) applied as pressure point compliance techniques or that result in injury or complaint of injury.
  - b) Level 2 uses of force include use of an ECW (including where an ECW is fired at a person but misses); use of an impact weapon to strike a person but where no contact is made; use of a baton for non-striking purposes (e.g., prying limbs, moving or controlling a person); and weaponless defense techniques (e.g., elbow strikes, kicks, leg sweeps, and takedowns).

- c) Level 3 uses of force include any strike to the head (except for a strike with an impact weapon); use of impact weapons where contact is made (except to the head), regardless of injury; or the destruction of an animal.
- d) Level 4 uses of force include all serious uses of force, as defined by this Agreement, and shall be investigated by NOPD's Force Investigation Team.
- 77. Hand control or escort techniques applied for the purposes of handcuffing or escorts that are not used as pressure point compliance techniques, do not result in injury or complaint of injury, and are not used to overcome resistance, are not reportable uses of force.
- 78. All officers using a Level 1 through 4 use of force, and officers observing a Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 use of force, shall write a Force Statement before the end of shift, which shall be included in the Use of Force Report. The officer's Force Statement shall include: (1) a detailed account of the incident from the officer's perspective; (2) the reason for the initial police presence; (3) a specific description of the acts that led to the use of force; (4) the level of resistance encountered; and (5) a description of every type of force used.
- 79. Officers' Force Statements shall completely and accurately describe the force used or observed. The use of force reporting policy shall explicitly prohibit the use of conclusory statements without supporting detail, including "boilerplate" or "pat" language (e.g., "furtive movement" or "fighting stance") in all statements and reports documenting use of force. Officers shall be subject to disciplinary action for material omissions or inaccuracies in their Force Statements.
- 80. Officers who use or observe force shall notify their supervisors immediately following any use of force incident or upon receipt of an allegation of unreasonable or unreported use of force by any officer. Officers who use or observe force and fail to report it shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- 81. Use of Force Reports, including Force Statements, shall be maintained centrally by PIB.
- 82. At least annually, NOPD agrees to analyze the year's force data, including the forcerelated outcome data listed in section XIX.C. below, to determine significant trends; identify and correct deficiencies revealed by this analysis; and document its findings in a public report.

#### J. Use of Force Supervisory Investigations

83. The direct supervisor of the officer using a Level 1 use of force shall review and approve in writing the Level 1 use of force before the end of the shift during which the Level 1 force was

- used. Supervisors shall elevate and investigate any use of force that appears to have been inappropriately categorized as a Level 1 use of force.
- 84. The direct supervisor of the officer(s) using force, upon notification of a Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 use of force incident or allegation of excessive force, shall respond to the location of occurrence. The direct supervisor of the officer(s) involved in the reportable use of force incident shall investigate all uses of force, with the exception of:
  - a) those incidents involving a serious use of force (Level 4 uses of force);
  - b) uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, as defined in this Agreement;
  - c) a use of force incident by NOPD personnel of a rank higher than the supervisor assigned to investigate the incident; or
  - d) a use of force investigation reassigned to FIT by the Superintendant or his designee or PIB.
- 85. A supervisor who was involved in a reportable incident, including by participating in or ordering the force being investigated, shall not investigate the incident or review the Force Statements for approval.
- 86. For all Level 2 and Level 3 uses of force, the investigating supervisor shall:
  - a) respond to the scene, examine the subject of the force for injury, interview the subject for complaints of pain after advising the subject of his/her rights, and ensure that the subject receives medical attention from an appropriate medical provider;
  - b) notify PIB immediately of the use of force and obtain a use of force tracking number;
  - c) identify and collect all relevant evidence and evaluate that evidence to determine whether
    the use of force: (1) was consistent with NOPD policy and/or (2) raises any policy, training,
    tactical, or equipment concerns;
  - d) ensure that all evidence to establish material facts related to the use of force, including audio and video recordings, photographs, and other documentation of injuries or the absence of injuries is collected;
  - e) ensure that a canvass for, and interview of, civilian witnesses is conducted. In addition,
     civilian witnesses should be encouraged to provide and sign a written statement in their own words;
  - f) ensure that all officers witnessing a use of force incident by another officer provide a Force

Statement. Officers involved in a use of force incident shall be separated until interviewed. Group interviews shall be prohibited. Supervisors shall ensure that all Use of Force Reports identify all officers who were involved in the incident, witnessed the incident, or were on the scene when it occurred. Supervisors shall not ask officers or other witnesses leading questions that improperly suggest legal justifications for the officers' conduct, where such questions are contrary to appropriate law enforcement techniques. Investigating supervisors shall record all interviews with civilian witnesses and all follow-up interviews with officers, and shall record all interviews with subjects, after advising them of their rights and that they seek to question them only about the use of force. The recording requirements set out in Custodial Interrogations do not apply to subject interviews regarding the use of force. g) review all Force Statements and ensure that all reports include the information required by this Agreement and NOPD policy; and

- h) consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations, if feasible. Supervisors will make all reasonable efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between the officer, subject, and witness statements, as well as inconsistencies between the level of force claimed by the officer and the subject's injuries. NOPD will train all of its supervisors on the factors to consider when evaluating credibility, incorporating credibility instructions provided to jurors. Where a reasonable and trained supervisor would determine that there may have been misconduct, the supervisor shall immediately notify FIT to respond to the scene.
- Each supervisor shall provide a written gist to the Division Commander by the end of the 87. shift documenting the supervisor's preliminary determination of the appropriateness of the use of force, including whether the force was reasonable and within policy; whether the injuries appear proportionate to the use of force described; and summaries of subject, witness, and officer statements.
- Each supervisor shall complete and document a use of force supervisory investigation 88. using a supervisor's Use of Force Report within 72 hours of learning of the use of force. Any extension to this 72-hour deadline must be authorized by a Division Commander. This Report shall include:
  - a) the supervisor's narrative description of the incident, including a precise description of the evidence that either justifies or fails to justify the officer's conduct based on the supervisor's

independent review of the facts and circumstances of the incident;

- b) documentation of all evidence that was gathered, including names, phone numbers, and addresses of witnesses to the incident. In situations in which there are no known witnesses, the report shall specifically state this fact. In situations in which witnesses were present but circumstances prevented the author of the report from determining the identification, phone number or address of those witnesses, the report shall state the reasons why. The report should also include all available identifying information for anyone who refuses to provide a statement;
- c) the names of all other NOPD employees witnessing the use of force;
- d) the investigating supervisor's evaluation of the use of force, based on the supervisor's review of the evidence gathered, including a determination of whether the officer's actions appear to be within NOPD policy and consistent with state and federal law; and an assessment of the incident for tactical and training implications, including whether the use of force may have been avoided through the use of de-escalation techniques or lesser force options; and
- e) documentation of any non-disciplinary corrective action taken.
- 89. Upon completion of the supervisor's Use of Force Report, the investigating supervisor shall forward the report through their chain of command to the ICO (if applicable) and/or Division Commander, who shall review the report to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported using the preponderance of the evidence standard. The Division Commander and/or ICO shall order additional investigation when it appears that there is additional relevant evidence that may assist in resolving inconsistencies or improve the reliability or credibility of the findings.
- 90. Where the findings of the Use of Force Report are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the investigating supervisor's chain of command shall document the reasons for this determination and shall include this documentation as an addendum to the original investigation. The investigating supervisor's superior shall counsel the investigating supervisor regarding the inadequately supported determination and of any investigative deficiencies that led to it. The Division Commander and/or ICOs shall be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of Use of Force Reports prepared by supervisors under their command.

- 91. Where an investigating supervisor repeatedly conducts deficient investigations, the supervisor shall receive the appropriate corrective action, including training, demotion, and/or removal from a supervisory position in accordance with performance evaluation procedures and/or Civil Service Rules.
- 92. Whenever an investigating supervisor, reviewing supervisor, ICO, or Division Commander finds evidence of a use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, he or she shall suspend the force investigation immediately and notify PIB. PIB shall immediately notify FIT, which will take over the investigation.
- 93. When the Division Commander finds that the investigation is complete and the findings are supported by the evidence, the investigation file shall be forwarded to PIB. PIB shall review the investigation to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported by the evidence.
- 94. At the discretion of the Superintendent, his designee, or PIB, a use of force investigation may be assigned or re-assigned for investigation to FIT or to another supervisor, whether within or outside of the District in which the incident occurred, or may be returned to the Unit for further investigation or analysis. This assignment or re-assignment shall be explained in writing.
- 95. Where, after investigation, a use of force is found to be out of policy, the Superintendent shall direct and ensure appropriate discipline. Where the use of force indicates policy, training, tactical, or equipment concerns, the Superintendent shall ensure also that necessary training is delivered and that policy, tactical, or equipment concerns are resolved.

### K. Force Investigation Team

- 96. NOPD agrees to establish a single, uniform reporting and investigation/review system for all Level 4 uses of force (i.e., serious uses of force, including critical firearm discharges), as defined by this Agreement.
- 97. NOPD agrees to ensure that all serious uses of force are investigated fully and fairly by individuals with appropriate expertise, independence, and investigative skills to ensure that uses of force that are contrary to law or policy are identified and appropriately resolved; that policy, training, equipment, or tactical deficiencies related to the use of force are identified and corrected; and that investigations of sufficient quality to ensure that officers are held accountable, as necessary are conducted. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to:
  - a) create a FIT to conduct investigations of serious uses of force, uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, uses of force by NOPD personnel of a rank higher

than sergeant, or uses of force reassigned to FIT by the Superintendant or his designee or PIB. FIT also shall investigate all instances where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD. FIT shall be comprised of personnel who are specially trained in both criminal and administrative force investigations. Members of FIT shall be assigned to PIB and shall not be assigned to any District. FIT investigations may result in criminal charges, administrative action, or both.

- b) Within 280 days from the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to recruit, assign, and train a sufficient number of personnel to FIT to fulfill the requirements of this Agreement. Prior to performing FIT duties, FIT members shall receive 40 hours of FIT-specific training in FIT procedures; call out and investigative protocols; proper roles of on-scene counterparts such as crime scene technicians, the Monitor, the DA, the IPM, and the City Attorney's Office; and investigative equipment and techniques. FIT members shall also receive FIT-specific annual in-service training.
- c) NOPD agrees to create a FIT procedural manual. The procedural manual shall include:
  - (1) definitions of all relevant terms;
  - clear statements of the mission and authority of FIT;
  - (3) procedures on report writing;
  - (4) procedures for collecting and processing evidence;
  - (5) procedures to ensure appropriate separation of criminal and administrative investigations in the event of compelled subject officer statements;
  - (6) procedures for consulting with the DA, including ensuring that administrative investigations are not unnecessarily delayed while a criminal investigation is pending;
  - (7) scene management procedures; and
  - (8) management procedures.
- 98. Where appropriate to ensure the fact and appearance of impartiality, for investigations of serious uses of force or force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, NOPD may refer the incident for investigation by an independent and highly competent entity outside NOPD.
- 99. NOPD's Homicide Section shall not investigate any NOPD officer-involved serious use of force as defined by this Agreement, or any in-custody death.

- 100. In every incident involving a serious use of force, or any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, the supervisor shall immediately notify FIT. Unless it can verify that the supervisor has already done so, FIT shall immediately notify PIB of the use of force and obtain a use of force tracking number.
- 101. FIT shall respond to the scene of every incident involving a serious use of force, any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, any use of force by an officer of a rank higher than sergeant, and incident where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD, or as ordered by the Superintendent or his designee or PIB.
- 102. The Commander of PIB shall immediately notify and consult with the DA, IPM, FBI, and the USAO regarding any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, evidence of apparent criminal conduct by an officer discovered during a misconduct investigation, any use of force in which an officer discharged his firearm, or where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD.
- 103. If the case may proceed criminally, or where NOPD requests a criminal prosecution, any compelled interview of the subject officers shall be delayed. No other part of the investigation shall be held in abeyance unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent in consultation with the agency conducting the criminal investigation.
- 104. NOPD agrees to make good faith efforts to work with the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office in requesting that that Office provide a completed Coroner's report within 30 days regarding a death proximate to a use of force and with the DA or other investigating agency regarding any criminal declination within 60 days after the use of force.
- 105. In conducting its investigation, FIT shall:
  - a) review all Force Statements to ensure that these statements include the information required by this Agreement and NOPD policy;
  - b) respond to the scene, examine the subject for injury, interview the subject for complaints of pain after advising the subject of his or her rights, and ensure that the subject receives medical attention from an appropriate medical provider;
  - c) ensure that all evidence to establish material facts related to the use of force, including but not limited to audio and video recordings, photographs, and other documentation of injuries or the absence of injuries is collected;

- d) ensure that a canvass for, and interview of, civilian witnesses is conducted. In addition, civilian witnesses should be encouraged to provide and sign a written statement in their own words;
- e) ensure, consistent with applicable law, that all officers witnessing a serious use of force incident by another officer provide a Force Statement regarding the incident. Officers involved in a use of force incident shall be separated until interviewed. Group interviews shall be prohibited. FIT shall ensure that all FIT investigation reports identify all officers who were involved in the incident, witnessed the incident, or were on the scene when it occurred. FIT shall not ask officers or other witnesses leading questions that improperly suggest legal justifications for the officers' conduct, when such questions are contrary to appropriate law enforcement techniques. FIT shall record all interviews; and
- f) consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations, if feasible. FIT will make all reasonable efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between the officer, subject, and witness statements, as well as inconsistencies between the level of force claimed by the officer and the subject's injuries. NOPD will train all of its FIT members on the factors to consider when evaluating credibility, incorporating credibility instructions provided to jurors.
- 106. FIT shall complete a preliminary report that shall be presented to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee as soon as possible, but in no circumstances later than 24 hours after learning of the use of force.
- 107. FIT shall complete its administrative use of force investigation within 30 days from the use of force. Any request for an extension to this time limit must be approved by the Deputy Superintendent of PIB through consultation with the Superintendent. At the conclusion of each use of force investigation, FIT shall prepare an investigation report. The report shall include:
  - a) a narrative description of the incident, including a precise description of the evidence that either justifies or fails to justify the officer's conduct based on FIT's independent review of the facts and circumstances of the incident;
  - b) documentation of all evidence that was gathered, including names, phone numbers, and addresses of witnesses to the incident. In situations in which there are no known witnesses, the report shall specifically state this fact. In situations in which witnesses were present but circumstances prevented the author of the report from determining the identification, phone

number, or address of those witnesses, the report shall state the reasons why. The report should also include all available identifying information for anyone who refuses to provide a statement;

- c) the names of all other NOPD employees witnessing the use of force;
- d) FIT's evaluation of the basis for the use of force, based on FIT's review of the evidence gathered, including a determination of whether the officer's actions appear to be within NOPD policy and consistent with state and federal law; and an assessment of the incident for tactical and training implications, including whether the use of force may have been avoided through the use of de-escalation techniques or lesser force options;
- e) if a weapon was used, documentation that the officer's certification and training for the weapon are current; and
- f) documentation of any disciplinary and/or non-disciplinary corrective action recommended.

# L. <u>Use of Force Review Board</u>

- 108. NOPD agrees to develop and implement a Use of Force Review Board to review all serious uses of force and other FIT investigations. The UFRB shall be comprised of the Deputy Superintendent of the Public Integrity Bureau, the Deputy Superintendent of the Field Operations Bureau, and the Deputy Superintendent of the Investigations & Support Bureau. The UFRB shall conduct timely, comprehensive, and reliable reviews. The UFRB shall:
  - a) review each FIT investigation within 30 days of receiving the FIT investigation report to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - b) hear the case presentation from the lead investigator and discuss the case as necessary with the investigator to gain a full understanding of the facts of the incident. The officer(s) who used the force subject to investigation, or who are otherwise the subject(s) of the FIT investigation, shall not be present;
  - c) order additional investigation when it appears that there is additional relevant evidence that may assist in resolving inconsistencies or improve the reliability or credibility of the findings. Where the findings are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the UFRB shall document the reasons for this determination, which shall be included as an addendum to the original investigation, including the specific evidence or analysis supporting their conclusions;

- d) determine whether the force violated NOPD policy. If the force violated NOPD policy, the UFRB shall refer it to PIB for disciplinary action;
- e) determine whether the incident raises policy, training, equipment, or tactical concerns, and refer such incidents to the appropriate unit within NOPD to ensure they are resolved;
- f) direct District supervisors to take and document non-disciplinary corrective action to enable or encourage an officer to improve his or her performance; and
- g) document its findings and recommendations in a UFRB Report within 45 days of receiving the FIT investigation and within 15 days of the UFRB case presentation.

## M. Use of Force Training

- 109. NOPD shall provide all NOPD officers with 40 hours of use of force training within 365 days of the Effective Date, and 24 hours of use of force training on at least an annual basis thereafter, including, as necessary, developments in applicable law and NOPD policy. NOPD shall coordinate and review all use of force training to ensure quality, consistency, and compliance with the Constitution, Louisiana law, this Agreement and NOPD policy. NOPD's use of force training shall include the following topics:
  - a) NOPD's use of force model, as described in this Agreement;
  - b) proper use of force decision-making;
  - c) use of force reporting requirements;
  - d) the Fourth Amendment and related law;
  - e) role-playing scenarios and interactive exercises that illustrate proper use of force decision-making, including training on the importance and impact of ethical decision making and peer intervention;
  - f) the proper deployment and use of all intermediate weapons or technologies, including batons, canines, and ECWs;
  - g) de-escalation techniques that encourage officers to make arrests without using force, and instruction that disengagement, area containment, surveillance, waiting out a subject, summoning reinforcements, calling in specialized units, or delaying arrest may be the appropriate response to a situation, even when the use of force would be legally justified;
  - h) threat assessment;
  - i) basic crisis intervention and interacting with people with mental illnesses, including instruction by mental health practitioners and an emphasis on de-escalation strategies (the

Crisis Intervention Training provided to all new and current officers pursuant to this Agreement may be combined with this training);

- j) factors to consider in initiating or continuing a pursuit;
- k) appropriate training on conflict management; and
- I) for supervisors of all ranks, as part of their initial and annual in-service supervisory training, additional training in conducting use of force investigations; strategies for effectively directing officers to minimize uses of force and to intervene effectively to prevent or stop unreasonable force; and supporting officers who report unreasonable or unreported force, or who are retaliated against for using only reasonable force or attempting to prevent unreasonable force.
- 110. Included in the use of force training set out above, NOPD shall deliver firearms training to all officers within 365 days of the Effective Date and at least yearly thereafter. NOPD firearms training shall:
  - a) require officers to complete and satisfactorily pass firearm training and to qualify for regulation and other service firearms, as necessary, on an annual basis;
  - b) require recruits, officers in probationary periods, and officers who return from unarmed status to complete and satisfactorily pass firearm training and to qualify for regulation and other service firearms before such personnel are permitted to carry and use firearms;
  - c) incorporate professional night training, stress training (e.g., training in using a firearm after undergoing physical exertion), and proper use of force decision-making training, including continuous threat assessment techniques, in the annual in-service training program; and
  - d) ensure that firearm instructors critically observe students and provide corrective instruction regarding deficient firearm techniques and failure to utilize safe gun handling procedures at all times.

# IV. CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

NOPD agrees to minimize the necessity for the use of force against individuals in crisis due to mental illness or a diagnosed behavioral disorder. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

# A. Crisis Intervention Planning Committee

- 111. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD and the City agree to implement a Crisis Intervention Planning Committee ("Planning Committee") to direct the development and implementation of the CIT. The Planning Committee shall analyze and recommend appropriate changes to policies, procedures, and training methods regarding police contact with persons who may be mentally ill with the goal of de-escalating the potential for violent encounters.
- 112. The Planning Committee shall include representation from NOPD command leadership and City-contracted mental health professionals. NOPD shall also seek representation from the civilian leadership of the MCTU, local municipal government, the New Orleans Metropolitan Human Services District, community mental health professionals, professionals from emergency health care receiving facilities, members of the local judiciary, the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office, homeless service agencies, and mental health professionals and advocates.

# B. Program Development

- 113. NOPD and the City agree to implement a comprehensive first responder CIT program to develop and maintain specially trained CIT officers. This program shall incorporate the following:
  - a) Within 270 days of the Effective Date, an operations subcommittee, appointed by and reporting to the Planning Committee, shall develop policies and procedures for the transfer of custody or voluntary referral of individuals between NOPD, receiving facilities, and local mental health and social service agencies. These policies and procedures shall clearly describe the existing roles and responsibilities of the existing MCTU and NOPD patrol officers, and of CIT officers.
  - b) NOPD agrees to continue using the MCTU and to continue staffing it with well-trained and dedicated community volunteers, to assist NOPD patrol units in the management and transportation of persons suffering a mental health crisis or from a diagnosed behavioral disorder. MCTU shall retain its duties and responsibilities in providing transportation for individuals experiencing a mental health or behavioral crisis.
  - c) Within 365 days of the Effective Date, the Planning Committee shall select CIT officer volunteers, based upon supervisor recommendations, PIB records, and interviews.
    Preference should be given to officers with at least three years of field experience.
  - d) CIT officers shall be assigned to the patrol division and maintain their standard patrol

duties, except when called to respond to potential behavioral or mental health crisis events outside of their assigned patrol district.

- e) CIT officers who are dispatched to a crisis event shall have the responsibility for the scene and discretion to determine strategies for resolving the event unless an appropriate supervisor is present and affirmatively assumes the scene responsibility.
- f) NOPD shall track CIT use through data provided by the CIT officer or MCTU after each response. NOPD shall gather and track the following data at a minimum:
  - (1) Date, time, and location of the incident;
  - (2) Subject's name, age, gender, and address;
  - (3) Whether the subject was armed, and the type of weapon;
  - (4) Whether the subject is a U.S. military veteran;
  - (5) Complainant's name and address;
  - (6) Name and badge number of CIT officer on the scene;
  - (7) Whether a supervisor responded to the scene;
  - (8) Techniques or equipment used;
  - (9) Any injuries to officers, subject, or others;
  - (10) Disposition; and
  - (11) Brief narrative of the event (if not included in any other document).
- g) NOPD shall publicly report this data, aggregated as necessary to protect privacy.

# C. CIT and First Responder Training

- 114. NOPD shall require officers selected for the CIT program to undergo a 40-hour initial comprehensive training prior to being assigned CIT duties, and eight hours of in-service training annually thereafter.
- 115. Within three years, NOPD shall train at least 20% of its patrol division in the CIT program to ensure that NOPD can provide a CIT-trained officer in each shift in each District.
- 116. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, a curriculum subcommittee of the Planning Committee shall develop a 40-hour curriculum and in-service training for first responders based on the national CIT model. The curriculum subcommittee may adapt MCTU's existing training curriculum for this purpose. CIT training faculty should include volunteer local area professionals and advocates to the greatest extent possible. This crisis intervention training shall

emphasize mental health-related topics, crisis resolution skills, de-escalation training, and access to community-based services.

- 117. Training for all newly selected CIT officers shall begin within 365 days of the Effective Date and shall be completed within three years. This training shall include not only lecture-based instruction, but also on-site visitation and exposure to mental health facilities, intensive interaction with individuals with a mental illness, and scenario-based de-escalation skills training.
- 118. In addition to the more extensive training for CIT officers set out above, NOPD agrees to provide all new recruits at least 16 hours of training on responding to persons in behavioral or mental health crisis, and four hours of in-service training annually thereafter. NOPD and the City further agree to provide all current officers with eight hours of training on responding to persons in behavioral or mental crisis within 365 days of the Effective Date, and four hours of inservice training annually thereafter.
- 119. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to offer the 40-hour crisis intervention training to all new and current dispatchers to enable them to identify calls for service that involve behavioral or mental health crisis events. NOPD agrees to offer to provide this training to new dispatchers within 90 days of their start date. NOPD agrees to offer crisis intervention in annual in-service training for dispatchers.

# D. Maintenance of CIT Program

- 120. NOPD agrees to maintain the CIT Planning Committee after the CIT program is operational. The Planning Committee shall serve as a problem-solving forum for interagency issues and shall monitor ongoing outcome indicators collected by each agency. These indicators may include data such as NOPD CIT use, NOPD CIT behavioral event disposition data, Orleans Parish Prison booking data, the number of individuals with a mental health diagnosis at the jail, and the transfer of custody and voluntary referral rates between NOPD, emergency receiving facilities, and community agencies.
- 121. NOPD agrees to review the outcome data generated through the process described above to: determine whether to recognize individual CIT officer performance that deserves commendation; develop new response strategies for repeat calls for service; identify training needs for the annual CIT in-service; make CIT curriculum changes; and identify other NOPD issues to allow NOPD to provide an appropriate response to a behavioral crisis event.

# V. STOPS, SEARCHES, AND ARRESTS

NOPD agrees to ensure that all NOPD investigatory stops, searches, and arrests are conducted in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. NOPD agrees to ensure that investigatory stops, searches, and arrests are part of an effective overall crime prevention strategy; are consistent with community priorities for enforcement; and are carried out with fairness and respect. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

### A. Investigatory Stops and Detentions

- 122. NOPD officers may only conduct investigatory stops or detentions where the officer has reasonable suspicion that a person has been, is, or is about to be engaged in the commission of a crime.
- 123. NOPD officers shall use accurate and specific descriptive language and not rely solely on "boilerplate" or "pat" language in any reports documenting investigatory stops, detentions, or searches. Articulation of reasonable suspicion and probable cause shall be specific and clear.
- 124. NOPD officers shall not use or rely on information known to be materially false or incorrect in effectuating an investigatory stop or detention.
- 125. NOPD officers shall not use race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation as a factor, to any extent or degree, in establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.
- 126. NOPD officers shall continue to require reasonable suspicion to conduct field interviews, and document investigatory field contacts, including field interviews, in accordance with the stop and search data collection requirements of this Agreement.

### B. Searches

- 127. NOPD officers shall not use race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in exercising discretion to conduct a warrantless search or to seek a search warrant, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.
- **128.** An officer shall immediately notify a supervisor when considering a search based on consent, and the supervisor shall approve the search before it is conducted.

- 129. Where an officer seeks consent for a search, the officer shall affirmatively inform the subject of his or her right to refuse and to revoke consent at any time, and document the subject's consent on a written form that explains these rights.
- 130. NOPD officers shall only conduct searches of individuals on probation or parole where legal authority for the search has been established.
- 131. NOPD agrees to ensure that the consent to search form includes separate signature lines for civilians to affirm that they understand they have a right to refuse, and for officers to certify that they have read and explained the right to refuse to the civilian.
- 132. NOPD agrees to ensure that officers understand how strip and body cavity searches are different than regular searches and are trained on how to conduct proper field strip searches. NOPD shall ensure that field strip searches of arrestees are performed only in the rarest of circumstances under exigent circumstances where the life of officers or others may be placed at risk, under conditions that provide privacy and with the explicit approval of a supervisory officer. NOPD agrees to ensure that strip searches are only performed when the officer has articulable probable cause that a subject is concealing a weapon or contraband.
- 133. When approval to conduct a strip search is requested, the supervisor shall immediately respond to the scene to approve the strip search. In situations where strip searches are legally justified, necessary under NOPD policy, and authorized by a supervisor, the search shall be conducted in a professional manner by trained personnel; include the least number of personnel necessary; be performed only by those of the same sex as the identified sex of the individual; and under conditions that provide privacy from all but those authorized to conduct the search.
- 134. NOPD agrees to ensure that body cavity searches are performed only after obtaining a search warrant and by specially trained medical personnel.
- 135. An affidavit or sworn declaration supporting an application for a search warrant shall provide an accurate and clear description of the reasons for the request for the search, the place or thing to be searched, and items or possible evidence that are the purpose of the search.
- 136. A supervisor shall review each request for a search or arrest warrant, including each affidavit or declaration, before it is filed by an officer in support of a warrant application, for appropriateness, legality, and conformance with NOPD policy and this Agreement. The supervisor shall assess the information contained in the warrant application and supporting

documents for authenticity, including an examination for "boilerplate" or "pat" language, inconsistent information, and lack of articulation of a legal basis for the warrant.

- 137. As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those warrant applications that are legally unsupported, are in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. The quality and accuracy of search warrants and supportive affidavits or declarations shall be taken into account in officer performance evaluations.
- 138. A supervisor shall assist in developing an operational plan for the execution of a search warrant, be present for execution of the search warrant, and review and document the search in an after-action report within 24 hours of the execution of the warrant.
- 139. NOPD officers shall not detain non-occupants present at the location where a search warrant is executed for longer than reasonably necessary to secure the area, or to determine whether they are occupants of the premises being searched, or where the officer has individualized reasonable suspicion that the non-occupant is involved in criminal activity or poses a danger to officer safety.
- 140. NOPD shall maintain, centrally and in each NOPD District and specialized unit, a log listing each search warrant, the case file where a copy of such warrant is maintained, the officer who applied for the search warrant, and each supervisor who reviewed the application for a search warrant.

### C. Arrests

- 141. An NOPD officer shall only arrest an individual where the officer has probable cause.
- 142. In effectuating an arrest, NOPD officers shall not rely on information known to be materially false or incorrect. Officers may not consider race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in effecting an arrest, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description(s) of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.
- 143. An officer shall immediately notify a supervisor when effectuating a felony arrest; an arrest where the officer used force; an arrest for obstructing or resisting an officer; a custodial

arrest where the most serious violation was a vehicle infraction, simple drug possession, or, outside the French Quarter and Central Business District, any of the following city or state laws: Disturbing the Peace (City Code 54-103; LSA-R.S. 14:103); Criminal Trespass (City Code 54-153; LSA-R.S. 14:63); Obstructing Public Passages (City Code 54-40; LSA-R.S. 14:100.1); or Begging/Vagrancy (City Code 54-411; 14:107). Upon notification, the supervisor shall respond to the scene.

- 144. The responding supervisor shall approve or disapprove the officer's arrest recommendation based on the existence of probable cause and NOPD policy. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in the officer's arrest recommendation, including releasing the subject, recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation.
- 145. NOPD patrol officers shall complete all arrest reports before the end of shift. NOPD field supervisors shall review each arrest report of officers under their command and shall memorialize their review in writing within 12 hours of receiving the report, absent exceptional circumstances. Supervisors shall review reports and forms for "boilerplate" or "pat" language, inconsistent information, lack of probable cause, or other indications that the information in the reports or forms is not authentic or correct.
- 146. As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in making arrests, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. For each subordinate, the supervisor shall track each violation or deficiency and the corrective action taken, to identify officers needing repeated corrective action. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the officer's performance evaluations. The quality of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. NOPD shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to conduct reviews of adequate and consistent quality.

- 147. A command-level official shall review, in writing, all supervisory reviews related to arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of NOPD policy, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The commander's review shall be completed within seven days of receiving the document reporting the event. The commander shall evaluate the corrective action and recommendations in the supervisor's written report and ensure that all appropriate corrective action is taken, including referring the incident to PIB for investigation, if appropriate.
- 148. NOPD shall track centrally and at the District level the DA's acceptance and refusal rates of arrests made by NOPD and reasons for refusals, when made available by the DA, including those factors and information indicating that a failure to prosecute was due to the quality of officer arrests or concerns regarding officer conduct. Each District Commander shall be held accountable for referring to PIB for investigation any information regarding specific incidents of possible officer misconduct related to officer arrests noted in the DA's refusal reasons.

## D. Stop and Search Data Collection and Review

- 149. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop a written or electronic report format to collect data on all investigatory stops and searches, whether or not they result in an arrest or issuance of a citation. This system shall allow for summarization and searches and also shall be integrated into the EWS. NOPD's stop and search data collection system shall be subject to the review and approval of the Monitor and DOJ, and shall require officers to document the following:
  - a) officer's name and badge number;
  - b) date and time of the stop;
  - c) location of the stop;
  - d) duration of the stop;
  - e) subject's apparent race, ethnicity, gender, and apparent age;
  - f) if a vehicle stop, presence and number of any passengers and the apparent race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each passenger; if a non-vehicle stop (e.g., pedestrian or bicycle), number of individuals stopped and race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each person;
  - g) reason for the stop, including a description of the facts creating reasonable suspicion;
  - h) if a vehicle stop, whether the driver or any passenger was required to exit the vehicle, and reason;

- i) whether any individual was asked to consent to a search and whether such consent was given;
- j) whether a probable cause search was performed on any individual, including a brief description of the facts creating probable cause;
- k) whether a pat-and-frisk or other search was performed on any individual, including a description of the facts justifying the pat-and-frisk or other search;
- whether any contraband or evidence was seized from any individual, and nature of the contraband or evidence; and
- m) disposition of the stop, including whether a citation or summons was issued to, or an arrest was made of, any individual.
- 150. Officers shall document investigatory stops and detentions, and any searches resulting from or proximate to the stop or detention. In all instances where property or evidence is seized, the officer shall immediately complete a police incident report documenting a complete and accurate inventory of the property or evidence seized, and submit the property or evidence seized to Central Property and Evidence before the end of shift. All documentation of stops, detentions, searches, and seizures shall be submitted to the officer's supervisor by the end of shift. Absent exceptional circumstances, field supervisors shall review investigatory stops and detention or search reports by field officers within 12 hours of receiving this report. Supervisors shall report and shall document: (1) those investigatory stops and detentions that appear unsupported by reasonable suspicion; (2) those searches that appear to be without legal justification; (3) stops or searches in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or (4) stops or searches that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training.
- 151. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address all violations or deficiencies in investigatory stops, detentions, or executions of searches, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. For each subordinate, the supervisor shall track each violation or deficiency and the corrective action taken, if any, in order to identify officers needing repeated corrective action. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the officer's performance evaluations. The quality and completeness of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. NOPD shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to

conduct complete, thorough, and accurate reviews of officers' investigatory detentions and searches.

- 152. NOPD shall develop a protocol for comprehensive analysis, on at least an annual basis, of the stop and search data collected. This protocol shall be subject to the review and approval of the Monitor and DOJ, and shall identify and incorporate appropriate benchmarks for comparison.
- 153. On at least an annual basis, NOPD shall issue a report summarizing the stop and search data collected, the analysis of that data, and the steps taken to correct problems and build on successes. The report shall be publicly available.
- 154. NOPD shall ensure that all databases containing individual-specific data comply fully with federal and state privacy standards governing personally identifying information. NOPD shall develop a process to restrict database access to authorized, identified users who are accessing the information for a specific and identified purpose.

# E. First Amendment Right to Observe and Record Officer Conduct

- 155. NOPD shall ensure that, in accordance with their rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, onlookers or bystanders may witness, observe, record, and/or comment on officer conduct, including stops, detentions, searches, arrests, or uses of force. Officers shall respect the right of civilians to observe, record, and/or verbally comment on or complain about the performance of police duties occurring in public, and NOPD shall ensure that officers understand that exercising this right serves important public purposes.
- 156. Individuals observing stops, detentions, arrests, and other incidents shall be permitted to remain in the proximity of the incident unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.
- 157. Individuals shall be permitted to record police officer enforcement activities by camera, video recorder, cell phone recorder, or other means, unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.
- 158. Officers shall not threaten, intimidate, or otherwise discourage an individual from remaining in the proximity of or recording police officer enforcement activities.
- 159. Officers shall not detain, prolong the detention of, or arrest an individual for remaining in the proximity of, recording, or verbally commenting on officer conduct directed at the individual or a third party, unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.
- 160. Officers shall take appropriate law enforcement action against a bystander only if a bystander's presence would jeopardize the safety of the officer, the suspect, others in the vicinity

or crime scene integrity; the bystander violates the law; or the bystander incites others to violate the law.

161. Officers shall not seize or otherwise coerce production of recorded sounds or images without obtaining a warrant, or order an individual to destroy such recordings. Where an officer has a reasonable belief that a bystander or witness has captured a recording of critical evidence related to a felony, the officer may secure such evidence for no longer than required to obtain a legal subpoena, search warrant, or other valid order.

# F. Stop, Search, and Arrest Training

- 162. NOPD shall provide all officers with at least 24 hours within 365 days of the Effective Date, and at least four hours on at least an annual basis thereafter, of training on stops, searches, and arrests, including the requirements of this Agreement. Such training shall be taught by a qualified legal instructor with significant experience in Fourth Amendment issues, and shall:
  - a) address Fourth Amendment and related law, NOPD policies, and requirements in this
     Agreement regarding searches and seizures;
  - b) address First Amendment and related law, NOPD policies, and requirements in this Agreement on the rights of individuals to verbally dispute, observe, and record officer conduct; and
  - c) address the difference between various police contacts by the scope and level of police intrusion; between probable cause, reasonable suspicion, and mere speculation; and between voluntary consent and mere acquiescence to police authority;
  - d) provide guidance on the facts and circumstances that should be considered in initiating, conducting, terminating, and expanding an investigatory stop or detention;
  - e) provide guidance on the level of permissible intrusion when conducting searches, such as "pat-downs" or "frisks";
  - f) provide guidance on the legal requirements for conducting searches, with and without a warrant;
  - g) provide guidance on the permissible nature and scope of searches based on the level of intrusion on an individual's privacy interests, including searches conducted pursuant to probation or parole release provisions;
  - h) specify the procedures for executing searches, including handling, recording, and taking custody of seized property or evidence;

- i) provide guidance on effecting an arrest with and without an arrest warrant; and
- j) provide guidance regarding the nature and scope of searches incident to an arrest.

#### VI. CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS

NOPD agrees to ensure that officers conduct custodial interrogations in accordance with the subjects' rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including the rights to counsel and against self-incrimination. NOPD agrees to ensure that custodial interrogations are conducted professionally and effectively, so as to elicit accurate and reliable information. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

## A. Interrogation Restrictions and Equipment

- 163. Officers shall not use physical violence or make threats to carry out harm to the individual or the individual's family during custodial interrogations.
- 164. All custodial interrogations that take place in a police facility, and all interrogations that involve suspected homicides or sexual assaults, shall be video and audio recorded. All recorded custodial interrogations will be recorded in their entirety. NOPD rejects the concept of a "pre-interview" and prohibits any decision not to record any portion of the interrogation based on such categorization. The recording equipment shall not be turned off unless the suspect states that he/she does not want the interview to be recorded. If the suspect requests that he/she does not want the interview to be recorded, the interviewer will record the subject making this request and shall document this request in the case report.
- 165. If the interrogation is not able to be video and audio recorded because of equipment failure or malfunction, detectives shall record the interrogation by means of a digital or cassette recorder. Any equipment failure shall be explained and documented in the case report, the case file, and in a memo to the Deputy Chief of the Investigation & Support Bureau.
- 166. All officers shall maintain in the case file their notes taken during interviews and interrogations.
- 167. Within 270 days from the Effective Date, NOPD shall designate interview rooms for all Districts and specialized units, and ensure that interview rooms are equipped with functioning audio and video recording technology that allows for recording and maintenance of all phases of interrogations.

168. Within 270 days from the Effective Date, NOPD shall use qualified interpreters for any interrogation of an LEP individual, and Miranda warnings shall be provided to the subject in his or her primary language. Because of the dual role bilingual NOPD employees may have when conducting an interrogation and simultaneously acting as an interpreter, they should only be used as an interpreter during an interrogation if they have identified themselves as officers or employees of the Department, are authorized as NOPD interpreters, and are trained in using interpretation protocols consistent with best practices, as required by this Agreement and NOPD's language assistance policy and plan.

## B. <u>Detective Selection and Interrogation Training</u>

- 169. NOPD shall post all detective openings throughout the Department and shall revise eligibility criteria for detectives in Districts and specialized units to require appropriate experience, writing samples, supervisor recommendations, and an interview.
- 170. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop and deliver at least 24 hours of formal training for newly assigned detectives on interrogation procedures and methods. This training shall include legal standards, ethics, the mechanics of conducting effective and constitutional investigations, and causes for investigative failures and false confessions. NOPD shall provide regular, and at least annual, in-service training to all detectives on updates and changes to the law regarding interrogations and confessions.

# VII. PHOTOGRAPHIC LINE-UPS

NOPD agrees to ensure that photographic line-ups are conducted effectively and in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, so as to elicit accurate and reliable information. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

- 171. No officer who is involved in the investigation shall participate in administering the photographic lineup. The individual who administers the lineup shall not have any knowledge as to which photograph depicts the suspect in the investigation.
- 172. NOPD agrees that, before any lineup is administered, eyewitnesses shall be admonished that the suspect might or might not be present in the lineup.
- 173. NOPD agrees to select "filler" photographs—those that do not depict the suspect—of individuals who generally fit the witness's description of the perpetrator. When there is a limited or inadequate description of the perpetrator provided by the witness, or when the description of

the perpetrator differs significantly from the appearance of the suspect, fillers should resemble the suspect in significant features.

- 174. NOPD agrees to keep a complete record of each display procedure and results. The record shall include the time, date, location, identity of the viewing person, photograph numbers, and name of the administrator of the line-up.
- 175. NOPD agrees to document other information pertinent to the display procedure, including any statements made by the viewing individual and identities of other persons present during the procedure.
- 176. If a suspect selection is made, NOPD agrees to mark and maintain as evidence the photographs used in the lineup, including a copy of the photo array if one was used. It shall be kept as evidence until the final disposition of the case, at which time it shall become a part of the permanent case file.

### VIII. BIAS-FREE POLICING

NOPD agrees to deliver police services that are equitable, respectful, and bias-free, in a manner that promotes broad community engagement and confidence in the Department. In conducting its activities, NOPD agrees to ensure that members of the public receive equal protection of the law, without bias based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

# A. Bias-Free Policing Training

- 177. NOPD agrees to provide all officers with four hours of comprehensive training on bias-free policing within 365 days of the Effective Date, and four hours annually thereafter, based on developments in Louisiana or federal law and NOPD policy. Such training shall emphasize that discriminatory policing in the form of either selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, including the selection or rejection of particular tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias, is prohibited by policy and will subject officers to discipline. This training shall address:
  - a) methods and strategies for more effective policing that rely upon non-discriminatory factors;
  - b) police and community perspectives related to discriminatory policing;

- c) Constitutional and other legal requirements related to equal protection and unlawful discrimination, including the requirements of this Agreement;
- d) the protection of civil rights as a central part of the police mission and as essential to effective policing;
- e) the existence and impact of arbitrary classifications, stereotyping, and implicit bias;
- f) instruction in the data collection protocols required by this Agreement;
- g) identification of key decision points where prohibited discrimination can take effect at both the incident and strategic-planning levels; and
- h) methods, strategies, and techniques to reduce misunderstanding, conflict, and complaints due to perceived bias or discrimination, including problem-oriented policing strategies.

# B. Ensuring Bias-Free Policing

- 178. NOPD agrees to apply and administer programs, initiatives, and activities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
- 179. NOPD agrees to provide clear guidance on prohibited conduct, including selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law and the selection or rejection of particular tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias.
- 180. NOPD leadership and supervising officers shall consistently reinforce to subordinates that discriminatory policing is an unacceptable tactic, including in making decisions to use particular police tactics in particular communities based upon stereotypes or bias.
- 181. NOPD agrees to incorporate the following elements in its training of officers:
- 1) introducing themselves at the initiation of contact with a civilian; 2) stating the reason for a investigatory stop or detention as soon as practicable; 3) ensuring that an investigatory stop or detention is no longer than necessary to take appropriate action; and 4) acting with professionalism and courtesy throughout the interaction regardless of any provocation.
- 182. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to incorporate requirements regarding bias-free policing and equal protection into its hiring, promotion, and performance assessment processes, including giving significant weight to an individual's history of sustained bias-related violations, as well as using interviews and other methods to assess the individual's ability to effectively practice bias-free policing.

- 183. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a plan to provide all individuals within the City essential police services regardless of immigration status, in order to build and preserve trust among community members, and to more effectively prevent and solve crime. As part of this plan:
  - a) Officers shall not take law enforcement action on the basis of actual or perceived immigration status, including the initiation of stops or other field contacts;
  - b) Officers shall not question victims of, or witnesses to, crime regarding their immigration status. Nothing in this provision shall prohibit NOPD from assisting nonimmigrant victims/witnesses in obtaining U-Visa / T-Visas, where appropriate;
  - c) Officers shall not enforce La. R.S.14:100.13, which the Court of Appeals of Louisiana, Fourth Circuit, has found to unlawfully pre-empt federal regulations; and
  - d) NOPD shall seek the assistance of community advocates in widely disseminating to the public, in English and in Spanish, NOPD's written policy incorporating these requirements.
- 184. NOPD agrees to develop and implement a specific policy to guide officers' interactions with members of the LGBT community, which shall prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- 185. NOPD agrees that officers will treat LGBT individuals with courtesy, professionalism, and respect, and that officers are specifically prohibited from using harassing, intimidating, or derogatory language regarding or toward LGBT individuals. This shall include addressing transgender individuals with their chosen name, title, and pronoun.
- 186. NOPD agrees that officers shall not construe sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as reasonable suspicion or probable cause that an individual is or has engaged in any crime, and that officers shall not request identification from or otherwise initiate a contact solely on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.
- 187. NOPD agrees that officers will not subject transgender individuals to more invasive or more frequent frisk procedures due to transgender status. Officers shall not frisk any person for the purpose of determining that person's gender or to view or touch the person's genitals. Where same-gender searches are required by law or NOPD policy, the officer shall respect the gender identification expressed by the individual. Where the individual does not self-identify and the gender identity is not clear to a reasonable person or the officer is uncertain, the officer will take

reasonable, non-invasive steps to determine the gender identity, such as asking the individual how the individual would like to be addressed.

188. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, and at least annually thereafter, NOPD agrees to assess all NOPD programs, initiatives, and activities to ensure that no program, initiative, or activity is applied or administered in a manner that discriminates against individuals on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. As part of its assessment, NOPD agrees to specifically include an assessment of misconduct complaints involving discrimination, use of force, motor vehicle and pedestrian stops, and arrests, including the selection or rejection of particular geographic deployment tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias. NOPD shall base its assessment of programs, initiatives, and activities on accurate, complete, and reliable data, including data contained in the EWS, stop and detention data, use of force analyses, crime trend analysis in relation to population demographics, enforcement practices based on community concerns, operations plans, and after-action reports. NOPD agrees to make this assessment publicly available.

## C. Language Assistance

- 189. NOPD agrees to effectively communicate with and provide timely and meaningful access to police services to all members of the community, regardless of their national origin or limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand English. To achieve this outcome, NOPD shall:
  - a) develop and implement a language assistance plan and policy that complies, at a minimum, with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and other applicable law, and that comports with best practices and current professional standards;
  - b) ensure that all NOPD personnel take reasonable steps to provide timely, meaningful language assistance services to LEP individuals they encounter and whenever an LEP individual requests language assistance services;
  - c) identify and assess demographic data, specifically the number of LEP individuals within
    its jurisdiction and the number of LEP victims and witnesses who seek NOPD services;
  - d) use collected demographic and service data to identify and meet hiring needs for bilingual staff;
  - e) regularly assess the proficiency and qualifications of bilingual staff to become an NOPD Authorized Interpreter;

- f) create and maintain an NOPDAI List and provide that list to the Orleans Parish Communication District 911 Communications Center;
- g) ensure that Orleans Parish Communications District 911 call takers are trained to recognize the need for a NOPDAI to respond to an incident involving an LEP individual and dispatch a NOPDAI as appropriate. If no NOPDAI is available, the personnel shall contact a telephonic interpretation service provider. The call taker shall note in information to the radio dispatch that the 911 caller is an LEP individual and indicate the language;
- h) develop protocols for interpretation for interrogations and interviews of LEP individuals to ensure a qualified interpreter is used for the taking of any formal statement from a suspect or witness in order to protect their legal rights;
- i) develop and implement a process for taking, responding to, and tracking citizen complaints and resolutions of complaints filed by LEP individuals;
- j) identify official and vital documents that are subject to public dissemination, and require translation of such documents into Spanish and Vietnamese, at a minimum. Such vital documents include: consent to search forms; witness and victim statement forms; citation forms; victim rights notification forms; citizen complaint forms; and notices advising LEP persons of free language assistance in connection with NOPD activities;
- k) implement a process for recruiting qualified bilingual personnel to meet demonstrated service needs. As part of this process, NOPD agrees to establish meaningful relationships with local and state-wide institutions and community organizations that can serve as the source of qualified bilingual applicants and facilitate outreach to such advocates; and
- implement incentives for bilingual employees to become NOPDAIs, such as pay differentials, consideration in performance evaluations, or assignments.
- 190. NOPD agrees to translate the language assistance plan and policy into Spanish and Vietnamese, and if it becomes appropriate, other languages, and post the English and translated versions in a public area of the police department building, District police stations, and the PIB building, as well as online, and in any other locations throughout the City where individuals go to seek police assistance. NOPD agrees to distribute the language assistance plan and policy to a variety of community organizations serving LEP communities encountered by NOPD.

- 191. NOPD agrees to distribute its language assistance plan and policy to all staff and police personnel, and, within 365 days of the Effective Date, provide training to all personnel on providing language assistance services to LEP individuals. This training shall include:
  - a) NOPD's LEP plan and policies; and the requirements of Title VI and this Agreement;
  - b) how to access NOPD-authorized telephonic and in-person interpreters;
  - c) how to work with interpreters in the field;
  - d) cultural diversity; and
  - e) how to communicate with LEP individuals in commonly encountered scenarios; and basic command of Spanish or Vietnamese, for officers assigned to Districts with significant LEP populations.
- 192. Within 180 days of Effective Date, NOPD agrees to designate a language access coordinator who shall coordinate and monitor compliance with its language assistance plan. The language access coordinator shall assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan on an ongoing basis and shall report to the Superintendent or his designee regarding needed improvements and any accountability concerns. The Superintendent or his designee shall consider the information provided by the coordinator and respond as necessary to ensure that NOPD's language assistance plan is effective.
- 193. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a process of consultation with representatives of the LEP community to develop and at least annually review: implementation of the language assistance plan, including areas of possible collaboration to ensure its effectiveness; identification of additional languages that would be appropriate for translation of materials; accuracy and quality of NOPD language assistance services; and concerns, ideas, and strategies for ensuring language access.
- 194. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop a process for determining, on an ongoing basis, whether new documents, programs, services, and activities need to be made accessible for LEP individuals. As part of this process NOPD shall:
  - a) document the number of LEP persons requiring NOPD services and their primary language;
  - b) collect data regarding the number of times an interpreter has been used, listed by language and type of interpreter (telephonic or in-person);
  - c) document the number of bilingual staff who have been evaluated for language proficiency,

- by language, job title, and level of proficiency; and
- d) document use of translators, vital documents translated, and languages into which vital documents are translated.

### IX. POLICING FREE OF GENDER BIAS

NOPD agrees to respond to and investigate reports of sexual assault and domestic violence professionally, effectively, and in a manner free of gender-based bias, in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. NOPD agrees to appropriately classify and investigate reports of sexual assault and domestic violence, collaborate closely with the DA and community partners, including the NOFJC, and apply a victim-centered approach at every stage of its response. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

## A. Sexual Assault

- 195. NOPD agrees to develop and implement clear policies and procedures governing its response to reports of sexual assault. NOPD agrees to ensure its policies and procedures on sexual assault comply with applicable law and comport with best practices and current professional standards. NOPD agrees to clearly delineate in policy the respective duties of patrol officers/first responders, sex crimes detectives, and supervisors, and to provide clear and detailed guidelines for steps at each stage of NOPD's response to a reported sexual assault, including dispatch response, initial officer response, and on-scene and follow-up investigation.
- 196. Patrol officers or other first responders shall document their observations and any actions taken, including any statements of victims, witnesses, and reporting persons, in calls for service related to sexual assaults.
- 197. NOPD protocols for conducting initial and follow-up victim interviews shall reflect the special needs of victims who may be in crisis or suffering from trauma.
- 198. NOPD agrees to provide clear and detailed guidelines for on-scene and follow-up investigation, including identifying, locating, and interviewing witnesses and suspects; collaborating with victim advocates; collecting evidence; special procedures for drug-facilitated sexual assaults; and documentation.
- 199. NOPD agrees to establish protocols for forensic examinations of both victims and suspects, as well as evidence preservation and crime scene management in the sexual assault context. These protocols shall be established in collaboration with the New Orleans SART and

shall incorporate the recommendations of the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination recommended protocols governing police procedure.

- **200.** Through its on-going training, NOPD agrees to keep officers apprised, and shall inform victims, of available services, referrals, or other assistance.
- **201.** Special Victims Section supervisors shall provide direct supervision of their subordinates by:
  - a) responding to assist officers investigating felony sexual assaults as defined under the Louisiana Criminal Code of Procedure: RS 14:42, Aggravated Rape; RS 14:42.1, Forcible Rape; RS 14:43, Simple Rape; RS 14:43.1, Sexual Battery; RS 14:43.2, Second Degree Sexual Battery; and RS 14:43.3, Oral Sexual Battery.
  - b) building relationships and enhancing cooperation with victim advocates and forensic examination programs, both to respond to and reduce the risk of sexual assault;
  - c) continually seeking and creating opportunities for training to enhance investigators' skills;
  - d) closely reviewing investigative reports and dispositions;
  - e) demonstrating a detailed understanding of victim issues and setting clear expectations of detectives regarding their treatment of victims;
  - f) incorporating victim interactions and services into subordinates' performance evaluations;
     and
  - g) following up all investigative leads generated from CODIS hits developed as a result of testing of the evidence in the case.
- 202. NOPD agrees to track all CODIS hit outcomes with the CODIS Hit Outcome Program software provided by National Institute of Justice. This software will provide accountability and outcome data for review by appropriate bodies, and provide feedback to the DNA Database Unit maintained by the Louisiana State Police.
- 203. NOPD agrees to incorporate IACP recommendations for VAW Law Enforcement Best Practices into its training, and update procedural requirements annually, to reflect changes in policy and law and developments in research and best practice.
- **204.** In addition to annual in-service training, NOPD agrees to provide initial training for sex crimes detectives of no fewer than 32 hours. This training shall include:
  - a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault, including issues related to response to trauma and delayed reporting;

- b) overcoming the perception of false/unfounded allegations to successfully investigate nonstranger sexual assault;
- c) drug and alcohol facilitated sexual assault;
- d) skills-based training on interviewing, including taped mock victim interviews;
- e) report-writing;
- f) discovery; and
- g) collection, preservation, and submission of evidence in sexual assault cases, including selecting the evidence to be submitted for testing.
- 205. NOPD agrees to provide detailed initial and recruit training on responding to sexual assault for patrol officers and other first responders of no fewer than four hours, and ongoing annual in-service training. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate fact-based scenarios involving stranger and non-stranger sexual assault into recruit and in-service training on topics such as general investigation, crime scene preservation, and report writing. NOPD's training on sexual assault shall include:
  - a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault, including issues related to response to trauma and delayed reporting;
  - b) report writing;
  - c) victim interviewing; and
  - d) initial assessment of victim and crime scene.
- 206. During the first year of this Agreement, neither patrol officers nor detectives shall code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category without the express written approval of the ISB Special Victim Section Commander and the ISB Criminal Investigations Division Commander. Following this period, patrol officers shall not code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category. Any decision by a detective to do so shall receive close secondary review and shall be approved in writing by an immediate Sex Crimes unit supervisor and the Division commander.
- 207. NOPD agrees to train supervisors and investigators in the Sex Crimes unit in the proper definitions and application of "unfounded," "false," and "baseless" classifications in the context of sexual assault. The immediate supervisor in the Sex Crimes Unit and the Special Victims Section Commander shall closely review and approve in writing any decision to classify a report

- as "unfounded." NOPD agrees to track each of these conclusions separately in NOPD's CCMS and publicly report them on at least a semi-annual basis.
- 208. NOPD agrees to separately track all reports of felony sexual assault, including drug-facilitated sexual assault, sexual assaults involving persons with disabilities rendering them unable to consent, sodomy, and male victims of sexual assault. NOPD agrees to collect data on the final disposition of sexual assault investigations, including whether an arrest was made and whether the DA charged the suspect or rejected the case and, if so, the reason for the rejection if the DA provides a reason. NOPD agrees to track this data in NOPD's CCMS. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DA to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final outcome of the trial.
- 209. NOPD agrees to track in its Justice Trax Laboratory Information Management System the evidence collected and whether it was submitted to a crime lab for testing. Where evidence is not submitted, NOPD agrees to record in this System the justification for this decision.
- 210. NOPD agrees to work with the DA, community service providers, and other stakeholders to develop and implement a SART and collaborative SART agreement within 180 days of the Effective Date, to provide a coordinated and victim-centered approach to sexual violence.
  NOPD agrees to comply with its obligations under the SART collaborative agreement.
- 211. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop a mechanism to select and permit a committee of representatives from the community, including rape crisis advocates, service providers, and/or legal providers, to review, on a semi-annual basis: (1) sexual assault investigations disposed of as "unfounded;" (2) a random sample of open sexual assault investigations with the approval of the DA; and (3) after the first year of this Agreement, reported sexual assaults placed in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category. NOPD agrees to develop a protocol to ensure that feedback and recommendations from this committee are incorporated into policies, general training, remedial training for specific officers or detectives, and the decision to re-examine and re-open investigations, if warranted. This mechanism shall include appropriate safeguards to protect ongoing criminal or administrative investigations, confidential or privileged information, or personal information that is protected from disclosure by applicable laws.

# B. <u>Domestic Violence</u>

- 212. NOPD agrees to delineate the respective duties of communications staff, patrol officers/first responders, District-level detectives, domestic violence detectives, and supervisors in its domestic violence policies and procedures and agrees to provide clear and detailed guidelines for steps at each stage of NOPD's response to a report of domestic violence, including dispatch response; initial officer response, including entry procedures; and on-scene and follow-up investigation.
- 213. NOPD agrees to prioritize victim safety and protection at each stage of its response to a report of domestic violence and provide, through the New Orleans Integrated Domestic Violence Protocol, clear guidelines for on-scene and follow-up investigation, including identifying, locating, and interviewing suspects and witnesses, including child witnesses; assessment of the crime scene; evidence collection, including documentation of victim injuries; and seizure of weapons.
- 214. NOPD agrees to discourage dual arrests of offenders and victims. NOPD agrees to provide guidance on when dual arrests are permissible and require supervisory approval to effectuate a dual arrest. NOPD policies shall require the custodial arrest of domestic violence offenders who violate the terms of a valid and outstanding protection order, and those the officer has probable cause to believe has committed a domestic violence offense. NOPD training shall include training on how to identify the primary aggressor.
- 215. NOPD agrees to continue to participate in the operation, development, and sustainability of the NOFJC; work in co-location with other civil and criminal agencies and community-based organizations; and support a centralized, multi-agency Family Justice Center model in the handling of domestic violence and sexual assault cases in New Orleans.
- 216. NOPD agrees to collaborate with and refer all victims to the NOFJC.
- 217. NOPD agrees to continue close collaboration with the DA and community providers to ensure that policies and protocols remain victim-centered and effective. To facilitate this collaboration, the Superintendent or a designee at the level of Commander or above shall meet with the Executive Committee of the NOFJC on at least a quarterly basis to discuss and coordinate policy, training, and other aspects of NOPD's response to domestic violence. NOPD agrees also to designate, and include at this quarterly meeting, an NOPD employee at the rank of sergeant of above responsible for reviewing and coordinating NOPD's policies on domestic

violence. This designated officer shall review NOPD's domestic violence policies for internal consistency, and consistence with the Integrated Protocol developed by the NOFJC, the Blueprint for Safety, and any similar plan adopted by the City. He or she shall closely collaborate with NOFJC and the DA to strengthen the Integrated Protocol and/or the Blueprint for Safety to ensure that they comport with best practices, NOPD policies, and this Agreement, and to review and update policies at least annually, or as necessary. He or she also shall be responsible for identifying training needs with respect to implementing NOPD domestic violence policies, the Integrated Protocol, and/or the Blueprint for Safety.

- 218. NOPD agrees to assign sufficient staff to the DVU at the NOFJC to permit detectives to review, on a weekly basis, District-level reports on incidents of domestic violence, for the purpose of identifying training needs and tracking the Districts' response to domestic violence. The DVU shall have sufficient staff to conduct appropriate follow-up investigation on felony offenses, including incidents where a weapon was involved or the victim suffered serious bodily injury. This follow-up investigation shall include field work and coordination with the DA's Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit. NOPD shall assign sufficient detectives to the DVU based on the calls for service.
- 219. NOPD agrees to offer training on domestic violence that incorporates IACP recommendations for VAW Law Enforcement Best Practices and to annually update the training to reflect changes in policy, law, and developments in research and best practice.
- 220. NOPD agrees to provide at least 4 hours of initial and recruit training on domestic violence for all officers, and ongoing annual in-service training. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate fact-based scenarios involving domestic violence into recruit and in-service training on such topics as general investigation, crime scene preservation, and report writing. NOPD's training on domestic violence shall include:
  - a) NOPD's policies and procedures on domestic violence, including the Integrated Protocol and/or Blueprint for Safety;
  - b) dynamics of domestic violence;
  - c) identifying the primary aggressor;
  - d) responding to and investigating strangulation in the context of domestic violence;
  - e) interviewing victims, witnesses and suspects;

- f) report-writing; and
- g) discovery.
- 221. NOPD agrees to provide domestic violence detectives with initial training of no fewer than 32 hours, and ongoing annual in-service training. This training shall include advanced, skills-based instruction in evidence collection; victim assistance; interviewing, including taped mock victim interviews; and other topics.
- 222. NOPD agrees to track dispositions of domestic violence investigations, including arrests and acceptance or refusal by the DA. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with appropriate agencies to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases, including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final verdict or outcome of the trial. NOPD agrees to track dual arrests and domestic violence arrests by gender. NOPD agrees to publicly report this data on at least an annual basis

# X. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

NOPD agrees to promote and strengthen partnerships within the community, and to engage constructively with the community, to ensure collaborative problem-solving and ethical and bias-free policing, and to increase community confidence in the Department. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

# A. Community and Problem Oriented Policing

- 223. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to reassess its staffing allocation and personnel deployment, including its use of specialized units and deployment by geographic area, to ensure that core operations support community policing and problem-solving initiatives, and shall agree to modify any deployment strategy found to be incompatible with effective and community-oriented policing.
- 224. NOPD agrees to deploy an adequate number and distribution of officers to ensure that all neighborhoods have a regularly assigned officer who is familiar with the geographic area, its issues, problems, and community leaders; engages in problem identification and solving activities with the community members around the community's priorities; works proactively with other city departments to address quality of life issues; and is not assigned to answer calls to service absent exigent circumstances.

- 225. NOPD agrees to ensure its mission statement reflects its commitment to community-oriented policing and agrees to integrate community and problem-oriented policing principles into its management, policies and procedures, recruitment, training, personnel evaluations, resource deployment, tactics, and accountability systems.
- 226. Within 365 days of the Effective Date and annually thereafter, NOPD agrees to provide 8 hours of structured annual in-service training on community policing and problem-oriented policing methods and skills for all officers, including supervisors, managers and executives. This training shall include:
  - a) methods and strategies to improve public safety and crime prevention through community engagement;
  - b) scenario-based training that promotes the development of new partnerships between the police and community, targeting problem solving and prevention;
  - c) leadership, ethics, and interpersonal skills;
  - d) community engagement, including how to establish formal partnerships and actively engage community organizations, including youth, immigrant, and LGBT communities;
  - e) problem-oriented policing tactics, including a review of the principles behind the problem solving framework developed under the "SARA Model" (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment), which promotes a collaborative, systematic process to address issues of the community, including safety and quality of life;
  - f) conflict resolution and verbal de-escalation of conflict; and
  - g) cultural awareness and sensitivity training. Cultural awareness training shall be designed and delivered in cooperation with City Human Relations Commission staff and community representatives selected by the Commission.
- 227. NOPD agrees to continue to support community groups in each District (e.g., NONPACC) and to meet regularly with the communities each District serves. In addition, within 240 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement mechanisms to measure officer outreach to a broad cross-section of community members, with an emphasis on youth outreach, to establish extensive problem-solving partnerships and develop and implement cooperative strategies that build mutual respect and trusting relationships with this broader cross-section of stakeholders. NOPD agrees to develop and implement partnerships to provide immediate and ongoing support to families of victims of homicides and other serious crimes.

- 228. Within 240 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop measurements to assess the effectiveness of its community partnerships and problem-solving strategies, including the effectiveness of the Community Coordinating Sergeant program. NOPD agrees to prepare a publicly available report on at least a quarterly basis detailing its community policing efforts in each District, including developing community partnerships, participating in public meetings; and its problem-solving activities, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NOPD and the community toward their resolution. This report also shall identify obstacles faced and recommendations for future improvement. At least annually, NOPD agrees to issue a publicly available report that summarizes these problem-solving and community policing activities.
- 229. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to remake the COMSTAT meeting. The COMSTAT meeting will use the underlying collection and reporting of accurate and meaningful data regarding crime trends and other public safety measures to drive discussion of community-policing successes and challenges. NOPD agrees to ensure the COMSTAT meeting includes discussion and analysis of trends in misconduct complaints and community priorities to identify areas of concern, and to better develop interventions to address them. NOPD agrees to use techniques such as spatial mapping and scientific deployment analysis to enable COMSTAT to better support and measure community and problem-solving policing efforts.

# B. <u>Biennial Community Survey</u>

- 230. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, and every two years thereafter, NOPD and the City agree to conduct a reliable, comprehensive, and representative survey of members of the New Orleans community regarding their experiences with and perceptions of NOPD and of public safety.
- 231. To conduct the biennial community survey, the Monitor shall retain an individual or entity, to be approved by DOJ, that shall:
  - a) develop a baseline of measures on public satisfaction with policing, attitudes among police personnel, and the quality of police-citizen encounters;
  - b) design, conduct, and analyze baseline and subsequent biennial surveys of a representative sample of City residents, police personnel, and detained arrestees;
  - c) review and consider prior law enforcement surveys in New Orleans and other cities, as
     well as current or recent concerns in New Orleans, in designing the survey;

- d) engage in informal conversations with New Orleans residents, NOPD officers and command staff, and DOJ representatives, and observe community meetings;
- e) ensure that the resident and arrestee surveys are designed to capture a representative sample of New Orleans residents, including members of each demographic category;
- f) conduct the survey in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, as necessary, to ensure representation of the entire New Orleans community; and
- g) formally discuss the survey methodology with NOPD supervisors and DOJ and consider these opinions in the development of the initial survey and in making improvements to subsequent surveys.
- 232. NOPD and the City agree to cooperate with the design and conduct of the survey by, for example, helping to organize focus groups of officers and obtaining and providing previous survey instruments and data.
- 233. The report of the baseline survey and subsequent biennial surveys shall be publically distributed and available.

#### XI. RECRUITMENT

NOPD and the City, working with the Civil Service, agree to develop and implement a comprehensive recruitment program that successfully attracts and hires a diverse group of highly qualified and ethical individuals to be NOPD police officers. NOPD and the City, working with the Civil Service, agree to ensure that NOPD's recruit program assesses each applicant in a manner that is valid, reliable, fair, and legally defensible. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

#### A. Comprehensive Recruitment Program

234. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD, working with Civil Service, agrees to develop a written, strategic recruitment plan that includes clear goals, objectives, and action steps for attracting high-quality applicants. The strategic recruitment plan shall clearly identify the duties and goals of NOPD's Recruitment Unit. The recruitment plan shall include specific strategies for attracting applicants with strategic thinking and problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills, emotional maturity, capacity to use technology, fluency in Spanish and Vietnamese (because these languages are spoken by a significant segment of the New Orleans Community), and the ability to collaborate with a diverse cross-section of the community.

- 235. The Recruitment Unit staff shall be publicly identified, shall work with Civil Service, and shall interact directly with candidates applying for NOPD positions. NOPD agrees to develop a protocol that includes specific criteria for assigning officers to the Recruitment Unit, including officers' work history, disciplinary history, length of employment at NOPD, and demonstrated commitment to community-oriented policing.
- 236. NOPD agrees to staff the Recruitment Unit sufficiently to permit the Unit to fulfill its responsibilities as set out in this Agreement, NOPD policy, and applicable law.
- 237. NOPD agrees to train all current and new staff assigned to the Recruitment Unit on recruiting a qualified and diverse workforce, including training on employment law. NOPD agrees to establish specific performance criteria to evaluate recruitment staff effectiveness in hiring increasing numbers of high quality recruits.
- 238. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a system for psychological screening and assessment of all NOPD recruit candidates, and to set criteria to ensure that only individuals suitable for policing are accepted into NOPD training academy.
- 239. The Recruitment Unit shall conduct affirmative outreach to a broad group of community members (e.g., college and university initiatives, military outreach, the PCAB, and community meetings in each District), and shall create and foster relationships with those organizations to enhance recruitment efforts.
- 240. NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to ensure that the dates and times of the officer recruit application period and testing dates are advertised widely.
- 241. Within 180 Days of Effective Date, NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to establish standardized qualifications and guidance for who may serve on a recruit applicant interview panel. Eligibility for serving on a recruit applicant interview panel shall include a review of the officer's internal disciplinary file and personnel file.
- 242. NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to ensure that interview panelists and all officials who interview potential NOPD recruits receive specialized training in the goals of NOPD recruitment and hiring, including emphasis on integrity, community policing, and non-discriminatory policing.
- 243. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD and the City agree to work with Civil Service to establish a standardized scoring system to be used by interview panelists. The scoring

system shall be used to assess recruit applicants immediately following the applicant's interview.

These assessment forms shall be maintained by the Recruitment Unit.

244. The Recruitment Unit will annually report its recruiting activities and outcomes, including the number of applicants, interviewees, and selectees, and the extent to which the Recruitment Unit has been able to recruit applicants with needed skills, such as problem-solving abilities or fluency in Spanish or Vietnamese, and a discussion of any challenges to recruiting highly qualified applicants.

## XII. ACADEMY AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

NOPD is committed to ensuring that all officers and employees receive adequate training to understand the law and NOPD policy and how to police effectively. NOPD training shall reflect and instill agency expectations that officers police diligently, have an understanding of and commitment to the constitutional rights of the individuals they encounter, and employ strategies to build community partnerships to more effectively increase public trust and safety. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

# A. Training Coordination and Planning

- 245. The Training Division shall be the central coordination point for all training, including: recruit training academy; field training; and all in-service training, including firearms and other use of force training; roll-call training; supervisory training; tactical and task force training; and all elective training.
- 246. NOPD's Training Division Commander shall be responsible for overseeing all NOPD training, including recruit academy; field training; all in-service training, and for ensuring that training is delivered consistent with NOPD's written training plan.
- 247. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to create a full-time Department-Wide Training Liaison position within the Training Division, and designate a single training coordinator in each District and central organizational unit to coordinate and document training. The Training Liaison shall establish and maintain communications with each District training coordinator to ensure that all officers complete training as required and that documentation of training is provided to the Training Division.
- 248. Within 120 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to establish a Training Advisory Committee that shall include staff from the NOPD Training Division, NOPD field personnel, high-level NOPD command staff (Deputy Superintendent or above), a community representative

from the Police-Community Advisory Board, two representatives from area colleges and universities, an outside police professional with expertise in model training practices, a representative from the FBI, the District Attorney's office, the USAO, and the City Attorney's Office.

- 249. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD's Training Advisory Committee shall develop a written training plan for NOPD's recruit academy, field, and in-service training, to ensure that recruits, officers, and civilian personnel are trained to effectively and lawfully carry out their duties in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States. The plan shall comport with best practices and the requirements of this Agreement and shall:
  - a) define responsibilities and authority of personnel involved in managing, supervising, and implementing training;
  - b) identify training priorities and broad training goals;
  - c) delineate an industry-recognized, systematic approach to training development that includes the following concepts: analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation. This approach should enable NOPD to identify and validate job tasks in sufficient detail to derive learning objectives, which, in turn, should drive the selection of instructional strategies and assessments;
  - d) develop instructional strategies that incorporate active learning methods such as problem-solving and scenario-based activities, based on current theories of learning;
  - e) address program administration policies, classroom/facility use, and instructor training and development; and
  - f) establish the frequency and subject areas for recruit and in-service training.
- 250. Upon the Superintendent's approval of the training plan, NOPD shall submit the training plan to the Monitor and DOJ. The Monitor shall review the training plan and provide the Parties with written comments within 30 days of receipt thereof. DOJ shall have 30 days from receipt of the Monitor's comments on the training plan to determine whether the training plan is consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and to make its decision on approval. DOJ shall not unreasonably withhold approval.
- 251. The Training Advisory Committee shall annually review and update NOPD's training plan. To inform this update, the Training Advisory Committee shall conduct a needs assessment, taking into consideration: trends in misconduct complaints; problematic uses of force; analysis

of officer safety issues; input from members at all levels of NOPD; input from members of the community, including community concerns; court decisions; research reflecting the latest in law enforcement trends; individual District needs; and any changes to Louisiana or federal law or to NOPD policy.

## B. Curriculum Development

- 252. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall create and staff a full-time position of Curriculum Director to establish and oversee a formal training curriculum development and assessment process consistent with the training plan described above. The Curriculum Director shall ensure that curricula and related lesson plans are based on learning objectives that are directly linked to validated job tasks.
- 253. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a lesson plan template that will be used for all training courses at NOPD. At a minimum, each template shall include: course title; course overview; date lesson plan was created or updated; learning objectives; prerequisites (if any); course length; required materials, equipment, and facilities; safety measures required (if applicable); testing/certification, and reference list. The lesson plan shall describe content and instructional strategies in sufficient detail to ensure consistent delivery of instruction by different instructors.
- **254.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement recruit academy curricula that comport with NOPD's training plan and comprehensively address the subject areas listed in paragraph XIX.E., below.
- 255. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement inservice curricula that comport with NOPD's training plan and that comprehensively address each of the subject areas in which this Agreement requires in-service training.
- 256. The Curriculum Director shall review all training curricula, lesson plans, and procedures for consistency, quality, accuracy, currency, completeness, and compliance with applicable law and NOPD policy. The Curriculum Director shall ensure that a variety of adult learning techniques, scenario-based training, and problem-solving practices, in addition to traditional lecture formats, are incorporated into all training. The Curriculum Director shall also ensure that all curricula, lesson plans, instructor's qualifications, and testing materials are reviewed by the Training Advisory Committee and, where appropriate, persons external to NOPD with expertise in the relevant lesson areas.

257. NOPD shall submit all new or revised training curricula and lesson plans for training required by this Agreement to the Monitor and DOJ for review and comment at least 90 days prior to the scheduled date of training delivery. The Monitor shall review the curricula or lesson plans and provide the Parties with written comments within 30 days of receipt thereof. Within 30 days of receipt of the Monitor's comments, DOJ shall have the right to review and comment on whether the curricula and lesson plans are consistent with and incorporate the requirements of this Agreement and applicable law.

# C. Instructor Selection

- 258. NOPD agrees to implement the Knowledge, Skills, and Ability Protocols for all staff assigned to the training division and all adjunct instructors within NOPD. NOPD agrees that minimum qualification requirements for Academy staff shall include:
  - a) Baccalaureate Degree or exceptional practical law-enforcement or subject matter expertise with at least six years of combined NOPD service;
  - b) Successful completion of the FBI Instructor Development Course; and
  - c) No 'sustained' PIB investigations within 24 months of applying for an Academy position or a pending 'open' investigation at time of application.
- 259. NOPD agrees to actively seek out and retain qualified instructors, including instructors from outside NOPD, with expertise in areas such as law and investigations, as necessary, to supplement the skills of in-house training staff and adjunct instructors. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate experts and guest speakers such as judges, prosecutors, including representatives of the USAO, crime victims, and community members, to participate in courses at the Training Academy.
- 260. NOPD agrees to ensure that all new and current Training Division staff and NOPD adjunct instructors receive 40 hours of initial training, including training on effective teaching, adult-learning techniques, curriculum development, and annual in-service training. NOPD agrees to require and ensure that instructors use only curricula and lesson plans that have been approved by the Training Division. NOPD agrees to further require that instructors use a variety of adult learning techniques, scenario-based training, and problem-solving practices, in addition to traditional lecture formats.
- 261. Annually, NOPD agrees to evaluate the performance of Training Division staff and all adjunct or other training instructors and shall remove staff and instructors who do not meet

NOPD criteria. NOPD agrees to document each evaluation using an established set of criteria to be developed pursuant to this Agreement.

## D. Training Evaluation

- 262. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a process that provides for the collection, analysis, and review of data to document the effectiveness of training and to improve future instruction, course quality, and curriculum. This process shall measure and document student reaction to and satisfaction with the training they received; and student learning as a result of training, including the extent to which students are applying the knowledge and skills acquired in training to their jobs.
- 263. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement documented and approved testing policies and procedures to ensure that that all testing is valid, reliable, and fair. Both knowledge-based and performance-based tests shall be designed, developed, administered, and scored according to established professional standards of practice. All tests shall be job-related, testing knowledge and skills required for successful job performance.

# E. Recruit Training Academy

- 264. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a recruit training program that comports with NOPD's written training plan described above, and that reflects the requirements of this Agreement.
- 265. NOPD agrees to modify the amount and content of recruit academy training to comport with its written training plan and the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD agrees to provide recruits with at least 880 hours of academy instruction.
- **266.** In addition to the training requirements reflected in the substantive provisions of this Agreement, NOPD agrees to ensure sufficient recruit academy instructional hours in the following specific areas:
  - a) appropriate use of force;
  - b) stops, searches, and arrests;
  - c) bias-free policing and community/problem-solving policing;
  - d) investigations, including crime scene investigations and investigative techniques;
  - e) ethics, including preventing and reporting misconduct and peer intervention;
  - f) crisis intervention;

- g) crowd control, including consistent application of field-force tactics and crowd management;
- h) report writing;
- i) recognizing, taking, and responding to allegations of misconduct received in the field;
- j) statutory law, including definitions of specific offenses, and scenario-based exercises to determine the specific elements of offenses; and
- k) how to communicate with LEP individuals in commonly encountered scenarios.
- 267. NOPD agrees to structure the recruit training academy so that instruction is delivered in logical progression, to ensure that each skill or unit builds on previous skills or units. NOPD agrees to schedule training modules so that recruits become proficient in fundamental tasks before progressing to more advanced skills and activities.
- 268. In addition to inclusion in separate training modules, NOPD agrees to incorporate training on constitutional and statutory law; ethical decision making; community policing; deescalation of force; and bias-free policing throughout the course of the recruit training academy. NOPD agrees to reinforce legal concepts in the context of instruction on interviewing and interrogation, crime scene processing, and report writing.
- 269. NOPD agrees to use problem-based learning and scenario-based exercises throughout the course of the recruit academy. NOPD agrees to ensure that scenario-based exercises have specific training objectives, and to evaluate achievement in multiple areas, such as constitutional and statutory law, officer safety, NOPD procedures, and report writing. NOPD agrees to require recruits to produce actual reports and statements at the end of scenario-based exercises.
- 270. NOPD agrees to intersperse skills training in areas such as driving, firearms, and defensive tactics throughout the course of the recruit training academy, to allow recruits to develop and reinforce these skills over time.
- **271.** NOPD agrees to not add recruit candidates after the first week of the recruit training academy.
- 272. To ensure continuity of training, NOPD agrees to minimize interruptions to recruit academy training for the purpose of staffing special events and other functions. This does not preclude the use of recruits for Mardi Gras-related service functions or in case of emergencies.
- 273. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to ensure that the recruit academy is sufficiently staffed to effectively train recruits, and that the deployment of recruit academy staff

to cover patrol shifts or other duties does not disrupt training activities. This does not prohibit academy staff from working 'Mission' patrols. Recruit classes shall not exceed 30 candidates per class.

274. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide recruits and officers with appropriate training facilities to ensure adequate access to safe and effective training. The Parties agree that such training can be provided without constructing any new facilities.

## F. Field Training Program

- 275. Within 365 days of Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a field-training program for recruit academy graduates that comports with NOPD's written training plan and this Agreement. NOPD's field training program shall follow academy training and shall be at least 16 weeks.
- 276. NOPD's policies and procedures on field training shall delineate the criteria and methodology for selecting FTOs and Field Training Sergeants. Only highly qualified officers shall serve as FTOs and Field Training Sergeants. NOPD agrees to establish formal eligibility criteria for FTOs and Field Training Sergeants based on their performance evaluations, previous superior performance as police officers, and complaint and disciplinary histories. FTO appointments will be subject to review for reappointment at the Training Division Commander's discretion. District commanders will also have discretion, upon consultation with the Training Academy staff, to remove a field-training officer from the FTO program.
- 277. NOPD agrees to ensure that all current and new FTOs and Field Training sergeants receive at least 40 hours of initial supervisory-level training and annual in-service training in the following areas: management and supervision; community-oriented policing; effective problem solving techniques; and field communication. FTOs and Field Training sergeants shall be required to maintain, and demonstrate on a regular basis, their proficiency in managing recruits and subordinates, practicing and teaching community-oriented policing, and solving problems effectively. NOPD shall maintain current documentation of FTOs' evaluations and training.
- 278. NOPD agrees to ensure that recruits in the field-training program are trained in a variety of geographic areas within New Orleans; in a variety of shifts; and with several FTOs.
- **279.** Annually, NOPD agrees to review and evaluate the performance of FTOs and Field Training Sergeants, with re-certification dependant on satisfactory prior performance and feedback from the Training Division staff.

- 280. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to create a mechanism for recruits to provide confidential feedback regarding the quality of their field training, including the extent to which their field training was consistent with what they learned in the Academy, and suggestions for changes to Academy training based upon their experience in the FTO program. NOPD agrees to consider feedback and to document its response, including the rationale behind any responsive action taken or decision to take no action.
- **281.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to review and revise its FTO participation policy to establish and implement a program that effectively attracts the best FTO candidates.
- 282. NOPD's training advisory committee shall conduct, within 365 days of the Effective Date, a study of the feasibility of implementing a Police Training Officer model that would incorporate community- and problem-oriented policing principles, and problem-based learning method of teaching. If NOPD and the City find it feasible, NOPD and the City agree to implement this program.

## G. In-Service Training

- 283. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a mandatory annual in-service training program that comports with NOPD's written training plan and the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD agrees to provide at least 64 hours of in-service training to each officer pursuant to this program within 365 Days of the Effective Date of this Agreement and annually thereafter. In-service training will be comprised of a 40-hour core curriculum and 24 hours of additional elective training. Specialized training for officers in certain units or assignments (such as the initial 40-hour training for specialized CIT officers)) shall be considered additional elective training.
- 284. NOPD agrees to create core-training requirements for the following positions: officers; command staff; lieutenants and sergeants; detectives; narcotics investigators; and specialized units.
- 285. NOPD agrees to plan, develop, and implement a comprehensive roll-call training program. Roll-call training shall be provided at the beginning of each shift. Roll-call training shall include special topics selected by the Training Division Commander or District Commanders that address officer safety, readiness, community concerns, or departmental procedural matters.

# H. Training Records

- 286. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a system that will allow the Training Division to electronically track, maintain, and report complete and accurate records of current curricula, lesson plans, training delivered, and other training materials in a centralized electronic file system. This system shall, at a minimum:
  - a) maintain training records for each recruit and each sworn member of the Department:
  - b) record the course description, duration, curriculum, date and location of training, name of instructor, and the personnel who completed the training; and
  - c) document officers who did not complete required training and all corrective actions taken.
- 287. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement accountability measures, including disciplinary and non-disciplinary corrective action, to ensure that all officers successfully complete all required training programs in a timely manner.
- 288. NOPD agrees to document all training provided to or received by NOPD officers, whether required or otherwise. Officers shall sign an acknowledgement of attendance or digitally acknowledge completion of training. NOPD shall report training delivered and received annually. This report shall include a:
  - a) description of each course, including a summary of the subject matter; the duration, date and location, the name of the instructor, and the number of persons who completed the training; and
  - b) listing of all officers who completed in-service, recruit, specialized, or elective training; and
  - c) listing of officers who did not complete required training and the corrective action taken for each officer.

## XIII. OFFICER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

NOPD agrees to provide officers and employees ready access to the mental health and support resources necessary to facilitate effective and constitutional policing. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

## A. Department-Wide Health and Wellness Program

289. NOPD agrees to further develop and offer a centralized and comprehensive range of mental health services that comports with best practices and current professional standards, which include: readily accessible confidential counseling services with both direct and indirect

referrals; critical incident debriefings and crisis counseling; peer counseling; and stress management training.

- **290.** Within 180 days, NOPD agrees to develop a department-wide mental and physical health and wellness program that:
  - a) provides and specifies access to mental health services for officers following traumatic incidents;
  - b) ensures that in situations where an officer is referred for a fitness-for-duty evaluation to assess psychological fitness, the evaluation is performed by a provider external to NOPD;
  - c) ensures that the roles, duties, and responsibilities of NOPD mental health professionals
    are properly delineated to avoid risk of conflict and increase officer confidence in NOPD
    provided mental health services;
  - d) provides access to consistent counseling and treatment by mental health professionals; and
  - e) fosters participation and compliance by ensuring confidentiality under federal and state privacy laws; and
  - f) incorporates mental health services for NOPD officers and their families into NOPD's crisis response and emergency preparedness planning.
- 291. NOPD agrees to compile and distribute a list of internally and externally available mental health services to all officers and employees. NOPD should periodically consult with community and other outside service providers to maintain a current and accurate list of available providers.
- 292. NOPD agrees to train management and supervisory personnel in officer support services protocols to ensure wide availability and use of officer support services; and agrees to incorporate discussion of currently available officer support services, and how to access those services, into annual officer in-service training.
- 293. NOPD agrees to involve mental health professionals in developing and providing academy and in-service training on mental health stressors related to law enforcement and the mental health services available to officers.
- 294. NOPD agrees to involve mental health professionals in officer training on use of force, to address such topics as: peer intervention by fellow officers to stop the use of excessive force; the interaction of human perception and threat assessment; decision making under highly charged conditions; psychological methods of situation control; patrol de-escalation and defusing

techniques that not only provide a tactical response, but also respond to the fear stimulated by confrontations; anger management programs; and training in verbal control and communication, including conflict resolution.

## XIV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND PROMOTIONS

NOPD agrees to ensure that officers who police effectively and ethically are recognized through the performance evaluation process, and that officers who lead effectively and ethically are identified and receive appropriate consideration for promotion. NOPD shall further ensure that poor performance or policing that otherwise undermines public safety and community trust is reflected in officer evaluations so that NOPD can identify and effectively respond. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD, working with Civil Service, agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

## A. Performance Evaluations

- 295. Within twelve months of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to develop and implement an NOPD-specific system that comports with best practices and the requirements of this Agreement to accurately evaluate officer performance in areas related to integrity, community policing, and critical police functions, on both an ongoing and annual basis.
- 296. As part of this program, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to establish a formalized system documenting annual performance evaluations of each officer by the officer's direct supervisor that shall include assessment of:
  - a) community engagement and communication with the public as appropriate to assignment;
  - b) use of community-policing and problem-solving strategies as appropriate to assignment;
  - c) civilian commendations and complaints;
  - d) disciplinary actions;
  - e) compliance with policies on usage of sick leave and other leave;
  - f) compliance with policies on secondary employment;
  - g) safety (e.g., POST officer safety standards and vehicle operations);
  - h) training;
  - i) report writing; and
  - j) decision-making skills;

- 297. Annual performance evaluations shall be based upon all work performed during the specific rating period. The officer's current direct supervisor shall complete the performance evaluation.
- 298. Performance evaluations shall include a narrative by the supervisor that discusses any areas in which the officer's performance needs to improve, and areas of particular growth and achievement during the rating period.
- 299. As part of the annual performance review process, supervisors shall meet with the employee whose performance is being evaluated to discuss the evaluation. In addition, supervisors shall meet with their subordinates on an ongoing basis to discuss their performance and shall document the supervisor's ongoing efforts and communications regarding officer performance challenges and areas of growth.
- 300. Supervisors shall complete training consistent with best practices on how to effectively evaluate officer performance. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, and as part of initial supervisory training, supervisors shall be required to complete at least four hours of training, focused on how to effectively evaluate officer performance. This training is in addition to any training on the mechanics of how to complete employee performance evaluations. The performance evaluations for each supervisor (whether first-line or commander) shall include assessment of the supervisor's ability and effectiveness in conducting the supervisory reviews as required by this Agreement, including monitoring, deterring, and addressing misconduct by officers they supervise.
- **301.** NOPD agrees to hold supervisors of all ranks accountable for conducting timely, accurate, and complete performance evaluations of their subordinates.

## B. Promotions

- 302. Within twelve months of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to develop and implement fair and consistent promotions practices that comport with best police practices and the requirements of this Agreement and result in the promotion of officers who are both ethical and effective. NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to provide clear guidance on promotional criteria, and to prioritize effective, constitutional, and community-oriented policing as criteria for promotion.
- 303. NOPD agrees to request that Civil Service remove from the promotional eligibility list any officer whose history does not strongly indicate that the officer is likely to be ethical and

effective in the position to which he or she is being considered for promotion. Factors to be considered in making this assessment include:

- a) effective use of community-policing strategies;
- b) number of sustained and not sustained complaints;
- c) number and circumstances of uses of force, including any found out of policy and use of force complaints;
- d) disciplinary history;
- e) problem-solving skills;
- f) interpersonal skills;
- g) education; and
- h) support for departmental integrity measures.
- 304. NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to establish specific criteria for disciplinary findings, which shall make an officer presumptively ineligible for promotion for a certain time period. Officers with pending investigations or disciplinary action in a matter alleging serious misconduct shall not be eligible for promotion.
- 305. The City agrees to work with Civil Service to create opportunities to be placed on the promotional list at least every two years.

## XV. SUPERVISION

NOPD and the City agree to ensure that an adequate number of qualified first-line supervisors are deployed in the field to allow supervisors to provide the close and effective supervision necessary for officers to improve and grow professionally; to police actively and effectively; and to identify, correct, and prevent misconduct. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

# A. Duties of Supervisors

306. NOPD supervisors shall be held accountable for providing the close and effective supervision necessary to direct and guide officers. Close and effective supervision requires that supervisors: respond to the scene of certain arrests; review each arrest report; respond to the scene of uses of force as required by this Agreement; investigate each use of force (except those investigated by FIT); review the accuracy and completeness of officers' Daily Activity Reports; respond to each complaint of misconduct; ensure that officers are working actively to engage the community and increase public trust and safety; and provide counseling, redirection, and support

to officers as needed, and that supervisors are held accountable for performing each of these duties.

- 307. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, all Field Operations Bureau District officers (including patrol, task force, district investigative, and narcotics units) shall be assigned to a single, consistent, and clearly-defined supervisor.
- 308. Task force and narcotics supervisors shall actually work the same days and hours as the officers they are assigned to supervise absent unusual circumstance or when the supervisor is on vacation, in training, or ill. Investigative unit supervisors shall work generally the same days and hours as the officers they are assigned to supervise, taking into account that shift differences will not permit complete supervisory overlap.
- 309. District Platoon Patrol supervisors shall be assigned to the same platoon as the officers they supervise and shall actually work the same days and hours as the officers of that platoon absent unusual circumstances or when the supervisor is on vacation, training, or ill.
- 310. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, first-line patrol supervisors shall be assigned to supervise no more than eight officers. On duty patrol supervisors shall be available throughout their shift to respond to the field to provide supervision to officers under their direct command and, as needed, to provide supervisory assistance to other units.
- 311. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a program to identify and train acting patrol supervisors who can fill-in, on a temporary, as-needed basis, for assigned supervisors who are on vacation, in training, ill, or otherwise temporarily unavailable. NOPD shall ensure consistent supervision by acting supervisors for supervisors who are on extended leave, and shall reassign officers to a new permanent non-acting supervisor when the currently assigned supervisor has been or is expected to be absent for an extended period of over six weeks.
- 312. District commanders and platoon lieutenants shall be responsible for the close and effective supervision of officers under their command. All NOPD commanders and platoon lieutenants shall ensure that all subordinates under their direct command comply with NOPD policy, state and federal law, and the requirements of this Agreement.
- 313. NOPD shall hold commanders and supervisors directly accountable for the quality and effectiveness of their supervision, including whether commanders and supervisors identify and effectively respond to misconduct, as part of their performance evaluations and through non-

disciplinary corrective action, or through the initiation of formal investigation and the disciplinary process, as appropriate.

# B. Supervisor and Command-Level Training

- 314. NOPD agrees to develop and implement mandatory supervisory training for all new and current supervisors. All current supervisors shall receive 200 hours of mandatory supervisory training within two years of the Effective Date. NOPD shall receive credit for professional police leadership training being provided in 2012 to current NOPD supervisors. All officers becoming supervisors within two years of the Effective Date shall receive 160 hours of initial supervisory training before assuming supervisory duties. All officers becoming supervisors after two years of the Effective Date shall receive 80 hours of initial supervisory training before assuming supervisory duties. In addition to this initial supervisory training, NOPD agrees to require each supervisor to complete at least 40 hours of supervisor-specific training annually thereafter. In-service training for supervisors, including commanders, shall provide necessary updates and refreshers, as well as training in new skills.
- 315. NOPD's supervisory training program shall include instruction in the following topics:
  - a) techniques for effectively guiding and directing officers, and for promoting effective and ethical police practices;
  - b) de-escalating conflict, including through peer intervention when necessary;
  - c) evaluation of written reports, including what constitutes a fact-based description, and how to identify "pat," "boilerplate," or conclusory language that is not explained by specific facts;
  - d) investigating officer uses of force;
  - e) responding to and investigating allegations of officer misconduct;
  - f) operation of supervisory tools such as the EWS, mobile recording equipment, and AVL;
  - g) burdens of proof, interview techniques, and the factors to consider when evaluating officer, complainant, or witness credibility, to ensure that investigative findings, conclusions, and recommendations are unbiased, uniform and legally supported;
  - h) evaluating officer performance as part of NOPD's annual performance evaluation system;
  - i) fostering positive career development and imposing appropriate disciplinary sanctions and non-disciplinary corrective action;
  - j) building community partnerships and guiding officers on same; and
  - k) incorporating integrity-related data into COMSTAT reporting.

## C. Early Warning System

- 316. The City and NOPD agree to develop, implement, and maintain an EWS to support the effective supervision and management of NOPD officers and employees, including the identification of and response to potentially problematic behaviors as early as possible. NOPD will regularly use EWS data to promote constitutional and professional police practices; to manage risk and liability; and to evaluate the performance of NOPD employees across all ranks, units, and shifts.
- 317. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, the City and NOPD agree to create a plan for the implementation of the EWS, which shall include the hiring of at least one full-time-equivalent qualified information technology specialist within 270 days of the Effective Date, to facilitate the development, implementation, and maintenance of the EWS. The City and NOPD agree to maintain sufficient staffing to facilitate EWS data input and provide training and assistance to EWS users.
- 318. The City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a protocol setting out which fields shall include historical data; the historical start date for each field; deadlines for inputting data related to current and new information; and the individuals responsible for capturing and inputting data. NOPD is not expected to include any historical data prior to January 1, 2006.
- 319. The City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a protocol for using the EWS and information obtained from it. The protocol for using the EWS shall address data storage, data retrieval, reporting, data analysis, pattern identification, identifying officers for intervention, supervisory use, supervisory/departmental intervention, documentation and audit. Among protocol requirements, the City and NOPD agree to include:
  - a) comparative data analysis, including peer group analysis, to identify patterns of activity by individual officers and groups of officers;
  - b) NOPD commander and supervisor review, on a regular basis, of EWS reports regarding each officer under the commander or supervisor's direct command and, at least quarterly, broader, pattern-based reports;
  - c) NOPD commander and supervisor initiation, implementation, and assessment of the effectiveness of interventions for individual officers, supervisors, and units, based on assessment of the information contained in the EWS;
  - d) an array of intervention options to facilitate an effective response to identified problems.

Interventions may take the form of counseling or training, or of other supervised, monitored, and documented action plans and strategies designed to modify activity. NOPD agrees to seek the services of mental health professionals and others to ensure that interventions are appropriate and effective. All interventions will be documented in writing and entered into the automated system;

- e) specify that the decision to order an intervention for an employee or group using EWS data shall include peer group analysis, including consideration of the nature of the employee's assignment and appropriate thresholds, and not solely on the number or percentages of incidents in any category of information recorded in the EWS;
- f) prompt review by NOPD commanders and supervisors of the EWS system records, of all officers upon transfer to their supervision or command;
- g) evaluation of NOPD commanders and supervisors based on their appropriate use of the EWS to enhance effective and constitutional policing and reduce risk; and
- h) mechanisms to ensure monitored and secure access to the EWS to ensure the integrity, proper use, and appropriate confidentiality of the data.
- **320.** The EWS shall include a computerized relational database, which shall be used to collect, maintain, integrate, and retrieve:
  - a) all uses of force, including critical firearm discharges, both on-duty and off-duty;
  - b) the number of ECW units in use;
  - c) each canine officer's canine bite ratio;
  - d) all injuries to persons in-custody, including in-custody deaths;
  - e) all instances in which force is used and a subject is charged with obstructing or resisting an officer, interfering with a law enforcement investigation, or similar charges;
  - f) all misconduct complaints (and their dispositions);
  - g) data compiled under the stop data collection mechanism;
  - h) all criminal proceedings initiated against an officer, as well as all civil or administrative claims filed with, and all civil lawsuits served upon, the City and/or its officers or agents, resulting from NOPD operations or the actions of NOPD personnel;
  - i) all judicial proceedings where an officer is the subject of a protective or restraining order;
  - j) all vehicle pursuits and traffic collisions involving NOPD equipment;
  - k) all loss or theft of NOPD property or equipment in the custody of the employee, including

currency, firearms, force instruments, and identification cards;

- 1) all interviews or interrogations in violation of NOPD policy;
- m) all instances in which NOPD learns or is informed by a prosecuting or judicial authority that a declination to prosecute any crime was based upon concerns about the credibility of an NOPD employee or that a motion to suppress evidence was granted on the grounds of a constitutional violation by an NOPD employee;
- n) all disciplinary action taken against employees;
- o) all non-disciplinary corrective action required of employees;
- p) all awards and commendations received by employees;
- q) training history, including firearm qualification and other weapon certifications, for each employee; and
- r) sick leave usage.
- 321. The EWS shall include appropriate identifying information for each involved employee (i.e., name, badge number, shift, and supervisor) and civilian (e.g., race, ethnicity, and gender).
- 322. The City and NOPD agree to maintain computer hardware, including servers, terminals, and other necessary equipment, in sufficient amount and in good working order to permit personnel, including supervisors and commanders, ready and secure access to the EWS system to permit timely input and review of EWS data as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.
- 323. NOPD shall maintain all personally identifiable information about an officer included in the EWS for at least five years following the officer's separation from the agency except where prohibited by law. Information necessary for aggregate statistical analysis will be maintained indefinitely in the EWS. On an ongoing basis, NOPD will enter information into the EWS in a timely, accurate, and complete manner, and shall maintain the data in a secure and confidential manner. No individual within NOPD shall have access to individually identifiable information that is maintained only within the EWS and is about an officer not within that individual's direct command, except as necessary for investigative, technological, or auditing purposes.
- 324. The EWS computer program and computer hardware will be operational, fully implemented, and used in accordance with policies and protocols that incorporate the requirements of this Agreement pursuant to an interim schedule that includes full implementation within three years of the Effective Date. Prior to full implementation of the new EWS, NOPD

will continue to use existing databases and resources to the fullest extent possible, to identify patterns of conduct by employees or groups of officers.

- 325. NOPD agrees to provide in-service training to all employees, including officers, supervisors, and commanders regarding EWS protocols prior to its implementation, as required to facilitate proper understanding and use of the system. NOPD supervisors shall be trained in and required to use the EWS to ensure that each supervisor has a complete and current understanding of the employees under the supervisor's command. Commanders and supervisors shall be trained in evaluating and making appropriate comparisons in order to identify any significant individual or group patterns.
- 326. Following the initial implementation of the EWS, and as experience and the availability of new technology may warrant, the City and NOPD may add, subtract, or modify thresholds, data tables, and fields; modify the list of documents scanned or electronically attached; and add, subtract, or modify standardized reports and queries as appropriate. NOPD will submit all such proposals for review and approval to the Monitor and DOJ before implementation to ensure it continues to comply with the intent of this Agreement.

# D. Visual and Audio Documentation of Police Activities

- 327. Within two years of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to maintain and operate video cameras and AVL in all marked or unmarked vehicles that are assigned to routine calls for service, task forces, tactical units, prisoner transport, or SOD canine and shall repair or replace all non-functioning video cameras or AVL units, as necessary for reliable functioning. One-half of these vehicles will be equipped with video cameras and AVL within one year of the Effective Date. NOPD agrees to ensure that recordings are captured, maintained, and reviewed as appropriate by supervisors, in addition to any review for investigatory or audit purposes, to assess the quality and appropriateness of officer interactions, uses of force, and other police activities.
- 328. NOPD agrees to develop and implement policies and procedures regarding AVL, in-car cameras, ECWs, and similar equipment that require:
  - a) activation of in-car cameras for all traffic stops and pursuits until the motor vehicle stop is completed and the stopped vehicle departs, or until the officer's participation in the motor vehicle stop ends;
  - b) activation of ECW cameras when the ECW's safety switch is turned off;

- c) activation of in-car cameras, where vehicle is so-equipped, to record requests for consent to search a vehicle, deployment of drug- detection canines, and vehicle searches;
- d) activation of in-car cameras for incidents in which a prisoner being transported is violent or resistant;
- e) supervisors to review AVL, in-car camera recordings, and ECW recordings of all officers listed in any NOPD report regarding any incident involving injuries to a prisoner or an officer, uses of force, vehicle pursuits, or misconduct complaints;
- f) supervisors to review recordings regularly and to incorporate the knowledge gained from this review into their ongoing evaluation and supervision of officers;
- g) NOPD to retain and preserve recordings for at least two years, or, if a case remains under investigation or litigation longer than two years, at least three years after the final disposition of the matter, including appeals; and
- h) an officer to notify a supervisor immediately when an event was not recorded.
- 329. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a schedule for testing AVL, in-car camera, and ECW recording equipment to confirm that it is in proper working order. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that recording equipment assigned to them or their car is functioning properly at the beginning and end of each shift and shall report immediately any improperly functioning equipment.
- 330. Supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that officers under their command use in-car camera recording equipment, AVL equipment, ECW cameras, and similar equipment, as required by policy. Supervisors shall report equipment problems and seek to have equipment repaired as needed. Supervisors shall refer for investigation any officer found to fail to properly use or care for in-car camera recording, AVL, ECW camera, or similar equipment.
- 331. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide each supervisor with handheld digital recording devices and require that supervisors use these devices to record complainant and witness statements taken as part of use of force or misconduct complaint investigations.

#### XVI. SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM

The City shall completely restructure what is currently known as its Paid Detail system to ensure that officers' and other NOPD employees' off-duty secondary employment does not compromise or interfere with the integrity and effectiveness of NOPD employees' primary work

as sworn police officers serving the entire New Orleans community. To achieve this outcome, the City shall develop and implement an off-duty secondary employment system that comports with applicable law and current professional standards, and which shall include the requirements set out below.

## A. Secondary Employment Coordinating Office

- 332. The Secondary Employment Coordinating Office ("Coordinating Office") shall have sole authority to arrange, coordinate, arrange fully-auditable payment, and perform all other administrative functions related to NOPD employees' off-duty secondary law enforcement employment (historically referred to as paid details) and shall be operated in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.
- 333. The Coordinating Office shall be directed by a civilian with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. This Coordinating Office Director ("Director") shall not be a present or former NOPD employee. The Director shall be an unclassified civil servant appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Mayor, shall remain independent from actual or perceived influence by NOPD.
- 334. The Coordinating Office shall employ a civilian in the role of "Major Special Events" Coordinator with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. This Major Special Events Coordinator shall not be a present or former NOPD employee. This Coordinator will report to the Director.
  - a) Major Special Events include Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, Essence Music Festival, French Quarter Festival, Voodoo Fest, college bowl and college championship events, professional sporting events, and other events as designated by the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, the City Attorney, City Council, or the Superintendent as a Major Special Event.
- 335. The Director's and all other Coordinating Office employees' salaries shall be independent of the number of off-duty secondary jobs worked or the amount of revenue generated by secondary employment.
- 336. The Coordinating Office shall be staffed with civilians with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest, and shall not have been NOPD employees within the previous two years.

337. The Coordinating Office shall not be located in, or immediately adjacent to, NOPD Headquarters, District Headquarters, or a District Substation.

# B. Coordinating Office Responsibilities

- 338. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, or as funding is established, the City shall develop and implement and the Coordinating Office shall maintain a searchable list of off-duty secondary employment opportunities, which can be accessed through either the existing NOPD employee web site or another accessible database.
- 339. The Coordinating Office shall maintain a roster of NOPD employees interested in working off-duty secondary employment.
- 340. The Coordinating Office shall establish a rotation system that provides a fair and equitable number of secondary employment opportunities to all NOPD employees in consideration of preferences for assignment and availability. The Coordinating Office shall rotate NOPD employees working Recurring Secondary Employment positions at least every 365 days. The Director shall determine when NOPD employees may return to work for the same employer. This 365 day RSE rotation requirement shall not apply to those individual officers who regularly work recurring assignments at Major Special Event venues, schools, banks, churches, and hospitals. The Director may grant an exception to this rule if the secondary employment work being done requires unique or specialized knowledge or training.
- **341.** The Coordinating Office shall fill all new secondary employment opportunities and temporary vacancies pursuant to written and consistently applied criteria. NOPD employees shall not be permitted to select substitutes or allow another employee to work an assigned secondary job in place of the employee.
- 342. The Coordinating Office shall establish an after-hours notification system, which provides them the capability of accepting information and making assignments 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.
- 343. The Coordinating Office shall remove NOPD employees from the secondary employment roster where the employees are performing unsatisfactorily, are under suspension, administrative reassignment, or have been charged with a crime.
- 344. Approval to work secondary employment is not automatically based on assignment through the Coordinating Office. Members shall also be required to comply with all NOPD

internal procedures governing off-duty secondary employment, including the completion of an NOPD Secondary Employment Authorization Form.

- 345. The Coordinating Office shall develop and implement a plan for working with NOPD to ensure that supervisors conduct in-person inspections of secondary employment sites based upon the frequency worked. Supervisory oversight at Major Special Events or larger venues, which meet minimum supervisor staffing level requirements specified under this Agreement, shall be the responsibility of those ranking officers who were selected by the Coordinating Office to work the secondary employment assignment. The required number of supervisory officers specified under minimum staffing requirements for Major Special Events or larger venues must be present for the duration of the secondary employment assignment.
- 346. The Coordinating Office shall ensure that no NOPD employee is supervising another employee of higher rank.
- 347. The Coordinating Office shall be responsible for collecting and maintaining a searchable database of all secondary employment worked. This database shall be searchable by secondary employment assignment and by employee and shall identify the employee working the secondary employment, secondary employment hours, and assignment locations. This database shall maintain historic and current information on all employees' secondary employment.
- 348. A schedule of fees will be established by the City to offset costs associated with the coordination and required support provided through the Coordinating Office to take into account costs, including but not limited to, administrative fees, hourly wage rates, and equipment usages. The schedule of fees shall be publicly available.
- **349.** The Coordinating Office shall be responsible for the annual, public release of the following information:
  - a) The number of NOPD employees who worked secondary employment by District and rank;
  - b) The average number of secondary employment hours worked by District and rank;
  - c) The salaries of Coordinating Office employees and the Coordinating Office's administrative operational costs; and
  - d) The net and gross amounts of City income derived through secondary employment.
- **350.** The Coordinating Office shall ensure that all potential employers are notified of their responsibilities, including:

- a) Agreeing that individuals or entities seeking to employ off-duty NOPD employees to work secondary employment must work through the Coordinating Office;
- b) Making all payments in advance and acknowledgement that advanced payments may be subject to forfeiture or penalty assessment associated with late cancellations;
- c) Agreeing to have secondary employees sign in and sign out every work day; and
- d) Acknowledging that they are prohibited from providing any compensation, either cash or in-kind, including bonuses or gifts, beyond nominal compensation in the form of food or beverages, to an NOPD employee or the friend or relative of an NOPD employee in exchange for any secondary employment services provided.

# C. Secondary Employment Compensation

- 351. The Coordinating Office, working with NOPD and the City, shall develop and implement an auditable payment system that ensures that secondary employment pay is made to NOPD employees.
- 352. NOPD employees working secondary employment shall not be permitted to receive any compensation, either cash or in-kind, including bonuses or gifts, unless such compensation, bonus, or gift, is provided through and documented by the Coordinating Office and is in accordance with the Louisiana Ethics Code for public employees. Nominal compensation in the form of food or beverages is permitted in accordance with the Louisiana Ethics Code for public employees.
- 353. Travel time to and from secondary employment shall not be compensated, unless it involves specialized patrol services or use of specialized equipment.
- 354. NOPD employees are not permitted to solicit secondary compensation or employment. Individuals or entities seeking to employ NOPD employees to work secondary employment must work through the Coordinating Office.
- 355. NOPD shall advise all officers that attempting to circumvent or circumventing the secondary employment policy or the Coordinating Office shall subject officers to discipline as warranted, up to and including dismissal.

# D. Limitations on Secondary Employment Work

356. NOPD and the Coordinating Office shall establish a standard form by which NOPD employees can register to work secondary employment assignments. No employee shall be eligible to work secondary employment without first registering with the NOPD Compliance

Section and obtaining authorization from the employee's direct supervisor and unit commander. Secondary employment authorization shall be valid for one calendar year. When determining whether an NOPD employee qualifies for authorization to work secondary employment, NOPD and the Coordinating Office shall evaluate factors that include:

- a) The quality of the employee's primary employment performance, assessed pursuant to written criteria;
- b) Whether the employee is an active member of the NOPD or grandfathered Reserve officer in good standing;
- c) The applicant's disciplinary record, complaint history, and work performance history;
- d) The applicant's level of experience; and
- e) Whether the employee is seeking a supervisory or non-supervisory position.
   Non-supervisory NOPD employees may not supervise secondary employment.
- 357. Only a POST certified commissioned member who has successfully completed his/her FTO training and has achieved permanent status as Civil Service "Police Officer I" may work police-related secondary employment assignments unsupervised.
- 358. POST certified commissioned members who completed FTO. training, but have not obtained permanent status of Civil Service "Police Officer I," may work secondary employment if supervised by a ranking officer at the grade of sergeant or above.
- **359.** POST certified commissioned members hired as lateral transfers successfully completing FTO training may work authorized secondary employment unsupervised.
- 360. Regardless of prior approval, members shall not engage in secondary employment while absent in the following status: sick; Injured On-Duty; Worker's Compensation; Maternity Leave; Leave Without Pay; or Suspended or under Administrative Reassignment with a restricted police commission. Members must return to full duty status and have completed a full tour of duty prior to working a secondary employment opportunity.
- 361. Secondary employment for City departments and agencies shall be prohibited. Instead, departments and agencies shall cover compensation for employees through authorized City reimbursement procedures.
- 362. In addition to the secondary employment positions prohibited under current NOPD policy, the following types of work or services shall be prohibited as secondary employment:
  - a) Work in or for Alcoholic Beverage Outlets as defined under NOPD policy;

- b) Private investigations;
- c) Chauffeur services; except where chauffeur services to public officials, executives or celebrities is secondary to a primary purpose of security. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibition, motorcycle escorts for chauffeur services and limousines are permitted;
- d) Security at sexually oriented businesses;
- e) Employment requiring that the employee act as a civil process server; and
- f) Security at pawn shops.
- 363. NOPD employees are prohibited from working secondary employment that conflicts with the employee's NOPD duties and ethical obligations. Prohibitions include:
  - a) Representing anyone before any court or agency of the City, with or without compensation, on a matter in which the City is a party or has a substantial interest;
  - b) Serving as an expert witness in his or her private capacity in any civil or criminal proceeding in which the City is a party or has a substantial interest;
  - c) Working secondary employment during court hours while the employee is under a conflicting subpoena;
  - d) Disclosing confidential information acquired in an official capacity to any secondary employer;
  - e) Using on-duty time to conduct investigations or take other law enforcement action on behalf of a secondary employer, where there would be an actual conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest;
  - f) Knowingly participating in, or soliciting the creation of, any corporation, company, trust, fund, or cooperative banking account for the purpose of billing, receiving compensation, or coordinating services of secondary employment; and
  - g) Taking an assignment that will interrupt or occur during the employee's assigned on-duty NOPD shift.
- 364. Secondary employment by NOPD employees will be limited to a maximum of 24 hours per seven day work week (Sunday through Saturday). Exceptions to the hour limitation may be granted for Major Special Events where manpower requirements are so intensive that sufficient resources may not be available for the safe operation of the event (e.g., Jazz Fest, Mardi Gras). Application for such an event exception will be made in advance via interoffice correspondence (NOPD Form 105) by an employee or event commander that estimates the number of hours an

employee can exceed the maximum threshold. The application will be forwarded through the appropriate chain of command for final approval by the Superintendent. Secondary employment in excess of the 24-hour limitation cannot be worked unless approved in advance by the Superintendent.

- 365. No employee, including Reserve officers, shall work more than 16 hours within a 24-hour period. (The 24 hour period begins the first time the employee reports for either regular duty or secondary employment allowing for a minimum of eight hours of rest within each 24-hour period.) These hours are cumulative and include normal scheduled work hours, overtime, off-duty secondary employment, and outside employment.
- 366. Commissioned Reserve officers are allowed to register for and work secondary employment assignments through the Coordinating Office if they are full time active duty officers in good standing or Commissioned Reserve Officers on the Effective Date. The following further limitations and restrictions shall apply to all Reserve members, however:
  - a) Plain clothes secondary employment coordinated through the Coordinating Office must be approved by the Superintendent or his designee prior to allowing any Reserve officer to work in plain clothes;
  - b) Reserve officers shall not work secondary employment for their current employer or for anyone for whom they have worked full time during any period within two years of the Effective Date;
  - c) Reserve officers shall not work secondary employment during the first year after graduation from the Reserve Police Academy;
  - d) Reserve officers who volunteer a minimum of 36 hours in a calendar month are eligible to work a maximum of 28 hours in secondary employment during the following calendar month (e.g., a reserve officer who volunteers 36 hours in August would be eligible to work a maximum of 28 hours of secondary employment in September);
  - e) Reserve officers who volunteer a minimum of 40 hours in a calendar month will be eligible to work a maximum of 32 hours of secondary employment during the following calendar month;
  - f) Reserve ranking officers are not authorized to approve secondary employment. All request forms shall be submitted to the Commander of the Reserve Division for approval and forwarding through the chain of command;

- g) Reserve officers shall attach a copy of their monthly time report to their secondary employment authorization request form;
- h) Reserve officers shall follow all policies and procedures of NOPD, the NOPD Reserve Division and this Agreement while working secondary employment; and
- i) Reserve officers are prohibited from coordinating secondary employment for any member of the Department, either regular or reserve members. Reserve officers are also prohibited from individually or cooperatively coordinating secondary employment and the collection of fees for secondary employment contracted through the Coordinating Office.

# E. Secondary Employment Employee Responsibilities

- 367. NOPD employees seeking to work any secondary employment shall submit a signed Secondary Employment Registration Form ("Registration Form") initially and annually thereafter to the Coordinating Office. This Registration Form shall include acknowledgment that:
  - a) the employee understands that working a secondary employment is a privilege subject to strict criteria;
  - b) the employee represents NOPD while working secondary employment;
  - c) the employee must abide by all NOPD policies while working secondary employment; and
  - d) the employee may be disciplined by NOPD for policy violations committed while working secondary employment.
- 368. Employees working secondary employment shall have the same responsibility to carry appropriate departmental equipment (e.g., police radios) and document their activities in the same manner as if they were on-duty, including completing incident, arrest, and use of force reports, and reporting allegations of misconduct or observed misconduct.

## F. Secondary Employment Supervision

- **369.** Working with NOPD, the Coordinating Office shall determine the number of employees and supervisors necessary to work a secondary job, considering factors that include:
  - a) The anticipated number of people attending the function;
  - b) Whether alcoholic beverages will be served;
  - c) Whether the event is open to the public or is private/by invitation only;
  - d) The location of the event; and
  - e) The history of the event and employer.

- **370.** The minimum supervisory requirements for any secondary employment assignment shall be:
  - a) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of one to four officers may be worked without a ranking officer. In these instances, the most senior officer accepts responsibility for secondary employment related notifications. Supervisory oversight shall be the responsibility of a patrol supervisor in the District of the secondary employment assignment, though officers engaged in secondary employment are expected to abide by general directions from the coordinating office;
  - b) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of five to nine officers shall include at least one ranking officer of at least the grade of sergeant or lieutenant;
  - c) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 10 to 14 officers shall include at least two ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant or lieutenant;
  - d) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 15 to 19 officers shall include at least two ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and one supervisor of at least the grade of lieutenant;
  - e) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 20 to 24 officers shall include at least three ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and one supervisor of at least the grade of lieutenant;
  - f) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 25 to 29 officers shall include at least three ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and two supervisors of at least the grade of lieutenant;
  - g) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 30 officers or more shall include supervisory coverage in addition to that specified above based on the following graduated scale:
    - One sergeant or above for every five members;
    - One lieutenant or above for every two sergeants;
    - (3) One captain or above for every three lieutenants.
- 371. Sergeants and lieutenants shall be allowed to back-fill a police officer opening, but those supervisors electing to fill such a vacancy are eligible for compensation at the hourly rate

approved for the police officer position as negotiated between the Coordinating Office and the employer. Captains or above shall only be allowed to fill open vacancies at a supervisory staffing level equivalent to a captain's position.

- 372. Supervisors shall supervise NOPD employees working secondary employment in the same manner as if they were working their primary employment.
- 373. The Coordinating Office will implement a system so that on-duty NOPD patrol supervisors are aware of each secondary job within that supervisor's geographical coverage area and the identity of each employee working each secondary job.
- 374. The Coordinating Office will implement a system so that each District shall have a current and historical record of all secondary employment worked in the District.

# XVII. MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT INTAKE, INVESTIGATION, AND ADJUDICATION

NOPD and the City agree to ensure that all allegations of officer misconduct are received and are fully and fairly investigated; that all investigative findings are supported using the preponderance of the evidence standard and documented in writing; and that all officers who commit misconduct are held accountable pursuant to a disciplinary system that is fair and consistent. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

## A. Reporting Misconduct

375. NOPD agrees to continue to require any Department employee who observes or becomes aware of any act of misconduct by another employee to report the incident to a supervisor or directly to PIB for review and investigation. Where an act of misconduct is reported to a supervisor, the supervisor shall immediately document and report this information to PIB. Failure to report or document an act of misconduct or criminal behavior is an egregious offense and shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

#### B. Response to Internally Discovered Infractions

376. NOPD agrees to develop and establish protocols that require supervisors to take appropriate disciplinary or non-disciplinary corrective action when the supervisor becomes aware of an infraction committed by an officer that is not reported from outside the Department and does not require an immediate PIB notification (e.g., improper use of sick leave, improper attire). The infraction and the supervisor's response shall be reported to PIB within five business

days. PIB shall review the report and supervisory response to determine whether additional investigation is required and to evaluate the imposed discipline or corrective action to determine whether the supervisory response was fair and consistent with NOPD disciplinary protocols.

# C. <u>Preventing Retaliation</u>

377. The City and NOPD agree to expressly prohibit all forms of retaliation, including discouragement, intimidation, coercion, or adverse action, against any person who reports misconduct, makes a misconduct complaint, or cooperates with an investigation of misconduct. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter, the City, through PIB, shall review NOPD's anti-retaliation policy and its implementation. This review shall consider the alleged incidents of retaliation that occurred or were investigated during the reporting period, the discipline imposed for retaliation, and the supervisors' performance in addressing and preventing retaliation. Following such review, the City shall modify policy and practice as necessary to protect individuals, including other NOPD officers and employees and civilians, from retaliation for reporting misconduct. Retaliation for reporting misconduct or for cooperating with an investigation of misconduct is an egregious offense and shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

# D. Staffing, Selection, and Training Requirements

- 378. NOPD agrees to continue to have a civilian serve as PIB commander.
- 379. NOPD and the City agree to ensure that a sufficient number of well-trained staff is assigned and available to complete and review thorough and timely misconduct investigations in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD and the City further shall provide sufficient resources and equipment to ensure that thorough and timely criminal and administrative misconduct investigations are conducted. ICOs shall report directly to the PIB Commander on PIB-related matters.
- 380. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to review the staffing of PIB and ensure that misconduct investigators and commanders possess excellent investigative skills, a reputation for integrity, the ability to write clear reports, and the ability to be fair and objective in determining whether an officer committed misconduct. Officers with a sustained complaint of, or who have been disciplined for, excessive use of force, false arrest, unlawful search or seizure, sexual harassment, discrimination, or dishonesty shall be presumptively ineligible for assignment to PIB.

- **381.** Officers promoted to the rank of Lieutenant shall, within a reasonable time frame, serve a rotation in PIB.
- 382. All personnel conducting NOPD officer misconduct investigations, whether assigned to PIB, a District, or elsewhere, shall receive at least 40 hours of initial training in conducting officer misconduct investigations within 365 days of the Effective Date, and shall receive at least eight hours of training each year. This training shall include instruction in:
  - a) investigative skills, including proper interrogation and interview techniques; gathering and objectively analyzing evidence; surveillance; and data and case management;
  - b) the particular challenges of administrative police misconduct investigations, including identifying alleged misconduct that is not clearly stated in the complaint or that becomes apparent during the investigation; properly weighing credibility of civilian witnesses against officers; using objective evidence to resolve inconsistent statements; and the proper application of the preponderance of the evidence standard;
  - c) relevant state, local, and federal law, including state employment law related to officers and the rights of public employees, including but not limited to La. Rev. Stat. 40:2531, "Rights of Law Enforcement Officers While Under Investigation," and local Civil Service Commission requirements, as well as criminal discovery rules such as those set out in *Garrity v. New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967), and *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963); and
  - d) NOPD rules and policies, including the requirements of this Agreement, and protocols related to criminal and administrative investigations of alleged officer misconduct.
- 383. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a plan for conducting regular, targeted, and random integrity audit checks, or "sting" audits, to identify and investigate officers engaging in at-risk behavior, including: unlawful stops, searches, and seizures (including false arrests); discriminatory policing; use of excessive force; secondary employment abuse; failure to take a complaint failure to report misconduct or complaints; or other patterns of misconduct or potentially criminal behavior.

## E. Complaint Information

**384.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, the City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a program to ensure broad knowledge throughout the New Orleans community about

how to make misconduct complaints, and the availability of effective mechanisms for making misconduct complaints. The requirements below shall be incorporated into this program.

- 385. The City and NOPD agree to make complaint forms and informational materials, including brochures and posters, available at appropriate government properties, including, at a minimum, NOPD headquarters, District stations, NOPD and City websites, City Hall, courthouses within New Orleans, all public libraries, the IPM, the Orleans Public Defenders, and at the offices or gathering places of community groups. Individuals shall be able to submit misconduct complaints through NOPD and City websites and these websites shall include complaint forms and information regarding how to file misconduct complaints.
- 386. NOPD agrees to post and maintain a permanent placard at all police facilities describing the external complaint process. The placards shall include relevant contact information, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, and internet sites. Officers shall provide the officer's name and badge number upon request. If an individual indicates that he or she would like to make a complaint or requests a complaint form, the officer shall immediately inform his or her supervisor who will respond to the scene to assist the individual in providing appropriate forms and/or other available mechanisms for filing a misconduct complaint.
- **387.** Complaint forms and related informational materials shall be made available and posted in Spanish, Vietnamese, and English.

## F. Complaint Intake, Classification, Assignment, and Tracking

- 388. NOPD agrees to, within 365 days of the Effective Date, revise policy and train all officers and supervisors to ensure that they properly handle complaint intake, including how to properly provide complaint materials and information and the consequences for failing to take complaints.
- 389. The refusal to accept a misconduct complaint, discouraging the filing of a misconduct complaint, or providing false or misleading information about filing a misconduct complaint, shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.
- 390. NOPD agrees to accept all misconduct complaints, including anonymous and third-party complaints, for review and investigation. Complaints may be made in writing or verbally, in person or by mail, telephone (or TDD), facsimile, or electronic mail. Any LEP individual who wishes to file a complaint about an NOPD officer or employee shall be provided with a complaint form in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese, as appropriate, and the appropriate

translation services required to file a complaint, and such complaints will be investigated in accordance with this Agreement.

- 391. All officers and employees who receive a misconduct complaint in the field shall immediately inform a supervisor of the misconduct complaint so that the supervisor can ensure proper intake of the complaint. All misconduct complaints received outside of PIB shall be documented and submitted to PIB by the end of the shift in which it was received.
- 392. Upon notification by the City Attorney's Office, the DA, or judges or magistrates, NOPD agrees to ensure that allegations of officer misconduct are identified and investigated as misconduct complaints. The City Attorney's Office agrees to forward copies of all civil suits alleging misconduct by an NOPD officer to PIB.
- 393. NOPD agrees to track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations that an officer has in any way interfered with a civilian's First Amendment right to observe, record, and/or verbally comment on the performance of police duties in an area open to the public, or where the individual has a right to be, such as a person's home or business. Improper interference with this right includes improperly detaining or arresting individuals for interfering with a law enforcement investigation, disorderly conduct, or similar charges.
- 394. NOPD agrees to track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations of discriminatory policing, along with characteristics of the complainants. NOPD agrees to ensure that complaints of discriminatory policing are captured and tracked appropriately.
- 395. Within 365 days of the Effective date, PIB shall develop and implement a centralized numbering and tracking system for all misconduct complaints. Upon the receipt of a complaint, PIB shall promptly assign a unique numerical identifier to the complaint, which shall be provided to the complainant at the time the complaint is made. Where a misconduct complaint is received in the field, a supervisor shall obtain the unique numerical identifier and provide this identifier to the complainant.
- 396. NOPD's centralized numbering and tracking system shall maintain accurate and reliable data regarding the number, nature, and status of all misconduct complaints, from initial intake to final disposition, including investigation timeliness and notification to the complainant of the interim status and final disposition of the investigation. This system shall be used to determine the status of complaints and to confirm that a complaint was received, as well as for periodic

assessment of compliance with NOPD policies and procedures and this Agreement, including requirements on the timeliness of administrative investigations.

- 397. Where a supervisor receives a misconduct complaint in the field alleging that misconduct has just occurred, the supervisor shall gather all relevant information and evidence and provide this information and evidence to PIB. This information includes the names and contact information for all complainants and witnesses, the names of all NOPD officers and employees involved in or witnessing the alleged misconduct, and any available physical evidence, such as voluntarily provided video or audio recordings, or documentation of the existence of such recordings where the witness chooses not to provide the recording. The supervisor shall take photographs of apparent injuries, or the absence thereof, unless the complainant/subject objects or declines.
- 398. Within three business days of the receipt of a misconduct complaint, PIB shall determine whether the complaint will be: assigned to an ICO or supervisor; retained by PIB for investigation or referred to the appropriate outside agency; and whether it will be investigated criminally.
- 399. NOPD agrees to develop and implement a complaint classification protocol that is allegation-based rather than anticipated outcome-based to guide PIB in determining where a complaint should be assigned. This complaint classification protocol shall ensure that PIB or an authorized outside agency investigates allegations including:
  - a) serious misconduct, including but not limited to: criminal misconduct; unreasonable use
    of force; discriminatory policing; false arrest or planting evidence; untruthfulness/false
    statements; unlawful search; retaliation; sexual misconduct; domestic violence; and theft;
  - b) misconduct implicating the conduct of the supervisory or command leadership of the subject officer; and
  - c) subject to the approval by the Deputy Superintendent of PIB, allegations that any commander requests be conducted by PIB rather than the subject officer's District/Division.
- **400.** Where NOPD or the City determines that an externally-generated complaint contains no allegations of misconduct, the complaint shall receive a disposition of "exonerated" or "unfounded" and include for tracking purposes an indication that it was a complaint regarding service or otherwise contained no allegations of misconduct. NOPD agrees to cease the use of "No Violation Observed," "NIMS," or similar dispositions of misconduct allegations. NOPD

will use the classification "No Formal Investigation Merited" to resolve only the following types of complaints:

- a) complaints disputing traffic citations, except that allegations of misconduct contained in such complaints (e.g., racial profiling, illegal search, excessive force) will be classified and investigated according to its merits;
- b) complaints alleging a delay in police service such as patrol response or detective follow-up, where the preliminary investigation demonstrates that the delay is due to workload. However, if the preliminary investigation discloses that misconduct such as negligence rather than workload caused the delay, the complaint will be classified according to its merits;
- c) complaints regarding off-duty officer conduct of a civil nature, unless the alleged conduct
  or its effects constitute misconduct or have a substantial nexus to the officer's employment;
  and
- d) complaints in which the preliminary investigation demonstrates that the subject officer does not work for NOPD or where the identity of the subject officer cannot be determined, despite the best efforts of PIB.
- 401. A misconduct complaint investigation may not be conducted by any officer who used force during the incident; whose conduct led to the injury of a person; who authorized the conduct that led to the reported incident or complaint; or who witnessed or was involved in the incident leading to the allegation of misconduct.

# G. Investigation Timeframe

- 402. NOPD and the City agree to make good faith efforts to have state law amended to permit a reasonable timeframe for the completion of administrative investigations of officer misconduct so that such investigations can be thorough, reliable, and complete.
- 403. All administrative investigations conducted by PIB shall be completed within the time limitations mandated by state law and within 90 days of the receipt of the complaint, including assignment, investigation, review and final approval, unless granted an extension as provided for under state law or Civil Service exemption, in which case the investigation shall be completed within 120 days. Where an allegation is sustained, NOPD shall have 30 days to determine and impose the appropriate discipline, except in documented extenuating circumstances, in which case discipline shall be imposed within 60 days. All administrative investigations shall be

subject to appropriate interruption (tolling period) as necessary to conduct a concurrent criminal investigation or as provided by law.

## H. Collection of Evidence

- **404.** Officer misconduct investigations shall be as thorough as necessary to reach reliable and complete findings. The misconduct complaint investigator shall interview each complainant in person, absent extenuating circumstances, and this interview shall be recorded in its entirety, absent specific, documented objection by the complainant.
- 405. All witnesses, including officers witnessing or involved in an incident that becomes the subject of a misconduct complaint, shall provide a written statement regarding the incident or be interviewed as described below.
- 406. Where the alleged misconduct is particularly serious or interviews of the subject officer(s) or other witnesses may be necessary to sufficiently investigate the allegation, the investigator shall conduct an in-person interview. The interview shall be recorded in its entirety, absent, in the case of non-officer witnesses, specific documented objection.
- 407. Each officer, witness, and complainant shall be interviewed separately. A NOPDAI not involved in the underlying complaint will be used when taking statements or conducting interviews of any Vietnamese or Spanish speaking LEP complainant or witness.
- 408. The misconduct investigator shall seek to identify all persons at the scene giving rise to a misconduct allegation, especially all NOPD officers. The investigator shall note in the investigative report the identities of all officers and other witnesses who were on the scene but assert they did not witness and were not involved in the incident. The investigator shall conduct further investigation of any such assertions that appear unsupported by the evidence.
- **409.** All misconduct investigation interview recordings shall be stored and maintained in a secure location within PIB.
- 410. NOPD agrees to require officers to cooperate with administrative investigations, including appearing for an interview when requested by an NOPD or Inspector General investigator and providing all requested documents and evidence. Supervisors shall be notified when an officer under their supervision is summoned as part of an administrative investigation, and shall facilitate the officer's appearance, absent extraordinary and documented circumstances.
- 411. If at any time during complaint intake or investigation the investigator determines that there may have been criminal conduct on the part of any officer or employee, the investigator

shall immediately notify the PIB commander. The PIB commander shall immediately notify the Superintendent, the DA and/or USAO, and the Monitor of the initiation of a criminal investigation. The subject officer shall not be compelled to provide a statement to administrative investigators where there is a potential criminal investigation or prosecution of the officer, until the remainder of the investigation has been completed, unless after consultation with prosecuting agency (e.g., DA or USAO) and the PIB commander, such compulsion is deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. NOPD and the City agree to consult with the DA to develop and implement protocols to ensure that the criminal and administrative investigations can be conducted in parallel as appropriate and are kept separate after a subject officer has provided a compelled statement.

412. Nothing in this Agreement or NOPD policy shall hamper an officer's obligation to provide a public safety statement regarding a work related incident or activity. NOPD agrees to make clear in policy and training that all officer statements in incident reports, arrest reports, use of force reports, and similar documents, and statements made in interviews such as those conducted in conjunction with NOPD's routine use of force review and investigation process, are part of each officer's routine professional duties.

# I. Analysis of Evidence

- 413. In each investigation, NOPD shall consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations based upon that evidence. There will be no automatic preference for an officer's statement over a non-officer's statement, nor will NOPD disregard a witness' statement merely because the witness has some connection to the complainant or because of any criminal history. NOPD shall make efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between witness statements.
- 414. The resolution of any misconduct complaint must be based upon the preponderance of the evidence. A misconduct investigation shall not be closed simply because the complaint is withdrawn or because the alleged victim is unwilling or unable to provide additional information beyond the initial complaint. In such instances, the investigation shall continue as necessary within the allowable investigation timeframes established under this Agreement to resolve the original allegation(s) where possible based on the evidence and investigatory procedures and techniques available. In each investigation, the fact that a complainant pled guilty or was found

guilty of an offense shall not be the deciding factor as to whether an NOPD officer committed the alleged misconduct, nor shall it justify discontinuing the investigation.

- 415. The misconduct investigator shall explicitly identify and recommend one of the following dispositions for each allegation of misconduct in an administrative investigation:
  - a) "Unfounded," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did not occur or did not involve the subject officer;
  - b) "Sustained," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did occur;
  - c) "Not Sustained," where the investigation is unable to determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the alleged misconduct occurred; or
  - d) "Exonerated," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate NOPD policies, procedures, or training.
- 416. The PIB commander shall accept the investigator's recommended disposition and the Superintendent shall approve the disposition, unless the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence or additional investigation is necessary to reach a reliable finding. Where the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence, the PIB Commander may correct the disposition or order additional investigation, as necessary.
- 417. In addition to determining whether the officer committed the alleged misconduct, administrative investigations shall assess and document whether: (a) the police action was in compliance with training and legal standards; (b) the incident indicates a need for additional training, counseling, or other non-disciplinary corrective measures; and (d) the incident suggests that NOPD should revise its policies, strategies, tactics, or training. This information shall be shared with the relevant commander(s) who shall document the commander's disagreement or agreement with these findings, refer any recommendations to the appropriate individual to implement the recommended change, document the implementation of these recommendations, and return the documentation to PIB.

## J. Integrity of Investigative File and Evidence

418. Division/District-Level investigation reports and all related documentation and evidence shall be provided to PIB immediately upon completion and approval by the appropriate supervisor of the investigation, but no later than three business days.

419. All investigation reports and related documentation and evidence shall be securely maintained in a central and accessible location until the officer who was a subject of the complaint has severed employment with NOPD.

# K. Communication with Complainant

**420.** Each misconduct complainant will be kept informed periodically regarding the status of the investigation. The complainant will be notified of the outcome of the investigation, in writing, within ten business days of the completion of the investigation, including regarding whether any disciplinary or non-disciplinary action was taken.

# L. <u>Discipline Process and Transparency</u>

- 421. NOPD agrees to ensure that discipline for sustained allegations of misconduct will be based on the nature of the allegation and defined and consistent, mitigating and aggravating factors, rather than the identity of the officer or his or her status within NOPD or the broader community. NOPD and the City agree to develop and implement procedures to ensure that discipline is fair and consistent.
- 422. NOPD agrees to use a disciplinary matrix that:
  - a) establishes a presumptive range of discipline for each type of rule violation;
  - b) increases the presumptive discipline based both on an officer's prior violations of the same or other rules;
  - c) sets out defined mitigating or aggravating factors;
  - d) requires that any departure from the presumptive range of discipline must be justified in writing;
  - e) provides that NOPD shall not take only non-disciplinary corrective action in cases in which the disciplinary matrix calls for the imposition of discipline; and
  - f) provides that NOPD shall consider whether non-disciplinary corrective action also is appropriate in a case where discipline has been imposed.
- 423. NOPD and the City agree to establish a unified system for reviewing sustained findings and assessing the appropriate level of discipline pursuant to NOPD's disciplinary matrix, in order to facilitate consistency in the imposition of discipline. All disciplinary decisions shall be documented, including the rationale behind any decision to deviate from the level of discipline set out in the disciplinary matrix.

- 424. NOPD and the City agree to develop and establish written policies and procedures to ensure that the City Attorney's Office provides close guidance to NOPD at the disciplinary stage to ensure that NOPD's disciplinary decisions are as fair and legally defensible as possible.
- **425.** The City agrees to request the Civil Service Commission to, within 90 days of the Effective Date, post online its full decisions related to NOPD discipline in a timely manner.

# M. Annual Report

426. PIB shall include in its annual report a summary of each misconduct complaint, including a description of the allegation, the final approved disposition, and any discipline imposed. PIB's annual report shall also include aggregate misconduct complaint data showing the number of each type of complaint and the number and rate of sustained cases after final approval, and shall provide an analysis of this data that identifies trends and concerns and documents NOPD's response to the identified trends and concerns. The PIB and IPM shall coordinate and confer with each other in collecting, analyzing, and reporting this data to avoid or minimize duplication of efforts or resources.

#### XVIII. TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT

To ensure comprehensive, effective, and transparent oversight of NOPD, NOPD and the City agree to develop, implement, and maintain systems that are meant to be sustained after the completion of this Agreement. To facilitate effective and constitutional policing and increase trust between NOPD and the broader New Orleans community, these oversight systems shall ensure that improper incidents, practices, or trends, are identified and corrected in an equitable and timely manner. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

#### A. Data Collection and Public Reporting

- **427.** All NOPD audits and reports related to the implementation of this Agreement shall be publicly available via website and at the Police Department, City Hall, and other public locations, to the fullest extent permissible under law.
- 428. Within 30 days of its implementation, each NOPD policy, procedure, and manual, including those created pursuant to this Agreement, shall be posted online and otherwise made publicly available, unless NOPD documents a reasonable security reason for keeping the policy, procedure, or manual private. Where a portion of a manual may not be suitable for public availability, NOPD agrees to make the remainder of the manual publicly available.

429. NOPD shall collect and maintain all data and records necessary to facilitate and ensure transparency and wide public access to information related to NOPD decision making and activities, as permitted by law.

# B. United States Attorney Criminal Justice Coordination Group

- 430. Within 120 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop and implement a system of formal coordination between a command-level NOPD official and the DA, municipal and state court judges, the Orleans Public Defenders, the FBI, the USAO, and the IPM. This criminal justice coordination group shall be convened by the USAO and shall meet monthly to share regular feedback regarding the quality of NOPD arrests and indicia of misconduct; to refer specific allegations of misconduct for investigation; and to receive an update on the status of previous referrals.
- 431. The NOPD command-level official shall be accountable for documenting feedback and referrals received; ensuring that operational changes based upon this feedback are considered and made as appropriate; ensuring that all allegations of misconduct are investigated; and providing an update each month to the USAO-convened criminal coordination group regarding the status of investigations of previously referred allegations of misconduct, and the status of consideration of operational changes as a result of feedback received from the group.

# C. District Community Outreach Programs and Meetings

- **432.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a Community Outreach and Public Information program in each NOPD District.
- 433. The Community Outreach and Public Information program shall include at least one semi-annual open meeting in each of NOPD's eight Districts for the first year of this Agreement, and one meeting in each District annually thereafter. These open meetings shall be led by the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent and shall inform the public about the requirements of this Agreement; NOPD's progress meeting these requirements; and address areas of community concern related to public trust and constitutional policing. At least one week before such meetings, the City shall widely publicize the meetings using earned media opportunities. In determining the locations of the meetings, NOPD shall consider factors such as easy access to public transportation and child care.

- 434. The Community Outreach and Public Information meetings shall include summaries of all pertinent audits and reports completed pursuant to this Agreement and inform the public of any policy changes or other significant actions taken as a result of this Agreement.
- 435. For at least the first two years of this Agreement, every NOPD officer and supervisor assigned to a District shall attend at least two community meetings (e.g., NONPACC and other meetings with residents, business and religious groups) per year in the geographic area to which the officer is assigned.

## D. Police-Community Advisory Board

- 436. DOJ acknowledges that NOPD and community representatives have acted jointly to create a PCAB to facilitate regular communication and cooperation between the Department, the City, and community leaders, including youth leaders, such as through the development of a community advisory panel and the collaborative development of policing strategies and priorities.
- 437. NOPD agrees to work collaboratively with PCAB to develop and implement public safety strategies that respect and reflect each community's public safety priorities and concerns about particular police tactics. To the extent specified below, NOPD agrees to seek PCAB's assistance, counsel, and input to build community consensus on potential recommendations in areas including the following:
  - a) community policing strategies;
  - b) accountability for professional/ethical behavior by individual police officers;
  - c) special task forces that meet high priority community need;
  - d) central policy changes, where applicable, that improve quality of life;
  - e) resource allocations to meet high priority, difficult issues;
  - f) strategies for a qualified and diverse workforce;
  - g) providing information to the community and conveying feedback from the community to NOPD; and
  - h) ways to provide data and information, including information about NOPD's compliance with this Agreement, to the public in a transparent and public-friendly format, to the greatest extent allowable by law.

438. NOPD further agrees to participate in quarterly meetings scheduled by PCAB; to allow the meeting agenda to be determined by the PCAB; and to have command/executive level staff representation present at all regularly scheduled meetings.

# E. Community-Based Restorative Justice Project

439. NOPD and the City agree to participate in a community-based restorative justice project. NOPD, the City, and DOJ will work to identify an entity to fund and administer this project. The aim of this project shall be to help remedy mistrust between NOPD and the broader New Orleans community and create an environment for successful problem-solving partnerships.

# F. Office of the Independent Police Monitor

- **440.** This Agreement in no way diminishes the authority and oversight provided by the IPM pursuant to city ordinance and the related Memorandum of Understanding between the IPM and NOPD.
- 441. NOPD and the City agree to provide the IPM ready and timely access to the information necessary to fulfill its duties. The IPM shall have all access to confidential information, including all protections and authority of state law, as does New Orleans' Office of Inspector General.
- **442.** NOPD and the City agree to abide by the November 10, 2010, Memorandum of Understanding between the NOPD and the IPM. This MOU is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 443. In determining the timing and content of its reviews and audits, the IPM will coordinate with the Monitor and NOPD to minimize duplication of effort, recognizing that overlapping or redundant audits may be necessary on occasion to assess the quality and reliability of various internal and external oversight mechanisms.

#### XIX. AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

#### A. Role of the Monitor

- 444. The Monitor shall assess and report whether the requirements of this Agreement have been implemented, and whether this implementation is resulting in the constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by NOPD.
- 445. The Monitor shall be subject to the supervision and orders of the Court, consistent with this Agreement. The Monitor shall only have the duties, responsibilities and authority conferred

by this Agreement. The Monitor shall not, and is not intended to, replace or assume the role and duties of the City and NOPD, including the Superintendent.

446. In order to assess and report on the Defendant's implementation of this Agreement and whether implementation is resulting in the constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by NOPD, the Monitor shall conduct the reviews, audits, and assessments specified below, and such additional audits, reviews, and assessments as the Monitor or the Parties jointly deem necessary to determine whether this Agreement has been implemented as required.

# B. Compliance Reviews and Audits

447. The Monitor shall conduct compliance reviews or audits as necessary to determine whether the City and NOPD have implemented and continue to comply with the material requirements of this Agreement. Compliance with a material requirement of this Agreement requires that the City and NOPD have: (a) incorporated the requirement into policy; (b) trained all relevant personnel as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities pursuant to the requirement; and (c) ensured that the requirement is being carried out in actual practice. Compliance reviews and audits shall contain the elements necessary for reliability and comprehensiveness. Compliance reviews and audits may be conducted using sampling and compilation data as consistent with reliability and comprehensiveness. Outcome Assessments in Section XIX.C. may not require a review of all NOPD data on a specific statistic or category.

## C. Outcome Assessments

- **448.** In addition to compliance reviews and audits, the Monitor shall conduct assessments to measure whether implementation of this Agreement is resulting in constitutional policing. These outcome assessments shall include collection and analysis of the following outcome data:
  - a) Use of Force measurements, including:
    - (1) Rate of force used per arrest by NOPD overall and by force type, geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity;
    - (2) Canine bite ratio;
    - (3) Rate of force complaints that are sustained and rate that are not sustained, overall and by force type; geographic area (i.e., zone), source of complaint (internal or external), type of arrest, age, race, gender and ethnicity;
    - (4) Uses of Force that were found to violate policy overall and by force type, geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender and ethnicity;

- (5) Number and rate of Use of Force administrative investigations/reviews in which each finding is supported by a preponderance of the evidence; and
- (6) Number of officers who frequently or repeatedly use force, or have more than one instance of force found to violate policy.
- b) Stop, Search, and Arrest measurements, including:
  - (1) Number and rate of arrests for which there is documented reasonable suspicion for the stop and probable cause for the arrest, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity;
  - (2) the DA's acceptance and refusal rates of arrests made by NOPD and reasons for refusals, when made available by the DA, including those factors and information indicating that a failure to prosecute was due to the quality of officer arrests or concerns regarding officer conduct, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e. zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity; and
  - (3) Number and rate of searches that result in a finding of contraband, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e., zone) type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity.
- c) Bias-Free Policing and Community Engagement measurements, including:
  - (1) Number and variety of community partnerships, including particular partnerships with youth;
  - (2) homicide clearance rate;
  - (3) Comparative response time between LEP and non LEP individuals seeking assistance from NOPD and change in response time to LEP individuals.;
  - (4) Accurate classification of reports of sexual assault and domestic violence; and
  - (5) Clearance rate of sexual assault and domestic violence cases, overall and broken down by whether the case was cleared by arrest or by exception, including accuracy of clearance type.
- d) Recruitment and Training measurements, including:
  - (1) Number of highly-qualified recruit candidates;
  - (2) Officer and agency reports of adequacy of training in type and frequency; and

- (3) Role of insufficient training reflected in problematic incidents or by performance trends.
- e) Officer Assistance and Support measurements, including:
  - (1) Availability and use of officer assistance and support services; and
  - (2) Officer reports of adequacy of officer assistance and support.
- f) Performance Evaluation and Promotion measurements, including:
  - (1) Promotions of qualified candidates with a history of ethical decision-making; and
  - (2) Uses of force found to be unreasonable, misconduct complaints sustained and not sustained, and other performance-related indicators for supervisors/commanders promoted pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement, and for the units these supervisors/commanders command.
- g) Supervision measurements, including:
  - (1) Initial identification of officer violations and performance problems by supervisors, and effective response by supervisors to identified problems.
- h) Secondary Employment measurements, including:
  - (1) Policy and legal violations related to secondary employment.
- i) Accountability measurements, including:
  - (1) Number of misconduct complaints, and whether any increase or decrease appears related to access to the complaint process;
  - (2) Rate of sustained, not sustained, exonerated, and unfounded misconduct complaints;
  - (3) Number and rate of misconduct complaint allegations supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - (4) Number of officers who are subjects of repeated misconduct complaints, or have repeated instances of sustained misconduct complaints;
  - Arrests/summons of officers for on or off-duty conduct;
  - (6) Criminal prosecutions of officers for on or off-duty conduct; and
  - (7) Number and nature of civil suits against NOPD officers and amount of judgments or settlements against the City or NOPD for civil suits filed against NOPD officers for work-related conduct.

449. In conducting these outcome assessments the Monitor may use any relevant data collected and maintained by NOPD (e.g., crime trend pattern analysis), the Office of the Inspector General, or the IPM, provided that it has determined, and the Parties agree, that this data is reasonably reliable and complete.

# D. Monitoring Plan and Review Methodology

- **450.** Within 90 days of assuming duties as Monitor, the Monitor shall develop a plan for conducting the above outcome assessments and compliance reviews and audits, and shall submit this plan to the Parties for review and approval. This plan shall:
  - a) clearly delineate the requirements of the Agreement to be assessed for compliance, indicating which requirements will be assessed together;
  - b) set out a schedule for conducting outcome measure assessments for each outcome measure at least annually, except where otherwise noted, with the first assessment occurring within 12 months of the Effective Date;
  - c) set out a schedule for conducting a compliance review or audit of each requirement of this Agreement within the first two years of the Agreement, and a compliance review or audit of each requirement at least annually thereafter.
- 451. Within 120 days of assuming duties as Monitor, the Monitor shall review and recommend any changes to the Outcome Assessment measurements set out in section XIX.C, above, that the Monitor deems useful in assessing whether implementation of the Agreement is resulting in constitutional policing. The Parties shall adopt any recommendations upon which they agree. If the Parties disagree whether to adopt a particular outcome measurement, the Party seeking adoption may seek Court resolution.
- 452. Where the Monitor recommends and the Parties agree, the Monitor may refrain from conducting a compliance audit or review of a requirement previously found to be in compliance by the Monitor pursuant to audit or review, or where outcome assessments indicate that the outcome intended by the requirement has been achieved.
- 453. At least 90 days prior to the initiation of any outcome measure assessment or compliance review or audit, the Monitor shall submit a proposed methodology for the assessment, review, or audit to the Parties. The Parties shall submit any comments or concerns regarding the proposed methodology to the Monitor within 45 days of the proposed date of the assessment, review, or

audit. The Monitor shall modify the methodology as necessary to address any concerns or shall inform the Parties in writing of the reasons it is not modifying its methodology as proposed.

# E. Review of Use of Force and Misconduct Investigations

454. City and NOPD shall provide each investigation of a serious use of force or use of force that is the subject of a misconduct investigation, and each investigation report of a serious misconduct complaint investigation (i.e., criminal misconduct; unreasonable use of force; discriminatory policing; false arrest or planting evidence; untruthfulness/false statements; unlawful search; retaliation; sexual misconduct; domestic violence; and theft), to the Monitor before closing the investigation or communicating the recommended disposition to the subject of the investigation or review. The Monitor shall review each serious use of force investigation and each serious misconduct complaint investigation and recommend for further investigation any use of force or misconduct complaint investigations that the Monitor determines to be incomplete or for which the findings are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Monitor shall provide written instructions for completing any investigation determined to be incomplete or inadequately supported by the evidence. The Superintendent shall determine whether the additional investigation or modification recommended by the Monitor should be carried out. Where the Superintendent determines not to order the recommended additional investigation or modification, the Superintendent will set out the reasons for this determination in writing. The Monitor shall provide recommendations so that any further investigation or modification can be concluded within the timeframes mandated by state law. The Monitor may coordinate with the IPM in conducting these use of force and misconduct investigation reviews.

# F. Monitor Recommendations and Technical Assistance

455. The Monitor may make recommendations to the Parties regarding measures necessary to ensure timely, full, and effective implementation of this Agreement and its underlying objectives. Such recommendations may include a recommendation to change, modify, or amend a provision of the Agreement; a recommendation for additional training in any area related to this Agreement; or a recommendation to seek technical assistance. In addition to such recommendations, the Monitor may also, at the request of DOJ or the City and based on the Monitor's reviews, provide technical assistance consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement.

# G. Comprehensive Re-Assessment

assessment to determine whether and to what extent the outcomes intended by this Agreement have been achieved, and any modifications to the Agreement that are necessary for continued achievement in light of changed circumstances or unanticipated impact (or lack of impact) of the requirement. This assessment also shall address areas of greatest achievement and the requirements that appear to have contributed to this success, as well as areas of greatest concern, including strategies for accelerating full and effective compliance. Based upon this comprehensive assessment, the Monitor shall recommend modifications to the Agreement that are necessary to achieve and sustain intended outcomes. Where the Parties agree with the Monitor's recommendations, the Parties shall stipulate to modify the Agreement accordingly. This provision in no way diminishes the Parties' ability to stipulate to modifications to this Agreement as set out in section XIX.P, below. Nothing in this assessment shall empower the Monitor to unilaterally modify the terms of this Agreement.

# H. Monitor Reports

- **457.** The Monitor shall file with the Court quarterly written, public reports covering the reporting period that shall include:
  - a) a description of the work conducted by the Monitor during the reporting period;
  - b) a listing of each Agreement requirement indicating which requirements have been: (1) incorporated into implemented policy; (2) the subject of sufficient training for all relevant NOPD officers and employees; (3) reviewed or audited by the Monitor in determining whether they have been fully implemented in actual practice, including the date of the review or audit; and (4) found by the Monitor to have been fully implemented in practice;
  - c) the methodology and specific findings for each audit or review conducted, redacted as necessary for privacy concerns. An unredacted version shall be filed under seal with the Court and provided to the Parties. The underlying data for each audit or review shall not be publicly available but shall be retained by the Monitor and provided to either or both Parties upon request;
  - d) for any requirements that were reviewed or audited and found not to have been fully implemented in practice, the Monitor's recommendations regarding necessary steps to achieve compliance;

- e) the methodology and specific findings for each outcome assessment conducted; and
- f) a projection of the work to be completed during the upcoming reporting period and any anticipated challenges or concerns related to implementation of the Agreement.
- 458. The Monitor shall provide a copy of quarterly reports to the Parties in draft form at least 10 business days prior to Court filing and public release of the reports to allow the Parties to informally comment on the reports. The Monitor shall consider the Parties' responses and make appropriate changes, if any, before issuing the report.

## I. Coordination with IPM

**459.** In conducting its assessments, reviews, and audits, and in developing its monitoring plan and review methodologies, the Monitor may coordinate and confer with the IPM to avoid duplication of effort and expenses.

# J. Communication between Monitor, Parties, and Public

- 460. The Monitor shall maintain regular contact with the Parties in order to ensure effective and timely communication regarding the status of the implementation of and compliance with this Agreement. To facilitate this communication, the Monitor shall conduct monthly meetings that shall include participation by the Superintendent and representatives of the City Attorney's Office, and DOJ.
- 461. The Monitor shall meet with community stakeholders to explain the Monitor's reports to inform the public about the Agreement implementation process, and to hear community perspectives of police interactions.

# K. Public Statements, Testimony, Records, and Conflicts of Interest

- 462. Except as required or authorized by the terms of this Agreement or the Parties acting together, the Monitor, including any agent, employee, or independent contractor thereof, shall not make any public statements or issue findings with regard to any act or omission of the City or its agents, representatives, or employees; or disclose non-public information provided to the Monitor pursuant to the Agreement. Any press statement made by the Monitor regarding its employment or monitoring activities under this Agreement shall first be approved by DOJ and the City.
- 463. The Monitoring may testify as to its observations, findings, and recommendations before the Court with jurisdiction over this matter, but shall not testify in any other litigation or proceeding with regard to any act or omission of the City or any of its agents, representatives, or

employees related to this Agreement or regarding any matter or subject that the Monitor may have received knowledge of as a result of its performance under this Agreement. This paragraph does not apply to any proceeding before a court related to performance of contracts or subcontracts for monitoring this Agreement.

- 464. Unless such conflict is waived by the Parties, the Monitor shall not accept employment or provide consulting services that would present a conflict of interest with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement, including being retained (on a paid or unpaid basis) by any current or future litigant or claimant, or such litigant's or claimant's attorney, in connection with a claim or suit against the City or its departments, officers, agents, or employees.
- **465.** The Monitor is not a state or local agency, or an agent thereof, and accordingly the records maintained by the Monitor shall not be deemed public records subject to public inspection.
- **466.** The Monitor shall not be liable for any claim, lawsuit, or demand arising out of the Monitor's performance pursuant to this Agreement brought by non-parties to this Agreement.

## L. NOPD Consent Decree Implementation Unit

467. The City and NOPD agree to hire and retain, or reassign current NOPD employees to form, an inter-disciplinary unit with the skills and abilities necessary to facilitate implementation of this Agreement. This unit will serve as a liaison between the Parties and the Monitor and will assist with the implementation of and compliance with this Agreement. At a minimum, this unit will: coordinate the City and NOPD's compliance and implementation activities; facilitate the provision of data, documents, materials, and access to the City and NOPD personnel to the Monitor and DOJ, as needed; ensure that all data, documents, and records are maintained as provided in this Agreement; and assist in assigning implementation and compliance related tasks to NOPD personnel, as directed by the Superintendent or his designee.

## M. Implementation Assessment and Report

- 468. NOPD and the City agree to collect and maintain all data and records necessary to:
- (1) document implementation of and compliance with this Agreement, including data and records necessary for the Monitor to conduct reliable outcome assessments, compliance reviews, and audits; and (2) allow NOPD or other City entities to perform ongoing quality assurance in each of the areas addressed by this Agreement.

469. Within six months of the Effective Date, the City agrees to file with the Court, with a copy to the Monitor and DOJ, a status report. This report shall delineate the steps taken by NOPD during the reporting period to implement this Agreement; and the City's assessment of the status of its progress; plans to correct any problems; and response to any concerns raised in the Monitor's previous quarterly report. Following this initial status report, the City agrees to file a status report every six months thereafter while this Agreement is in effect.

## N. Access and Confidentiality

- 470. To facilitate its work, the Monitor may conduct on-site visits and assessments without prior notice to the City and NOPD. The Monitor shall have access to all necessary individuals, facilities, and documents, which shall include access to Agreement related trainings, meetings, and reviews, such as critical incident reviews, use of force review boards, and disciplinary hearings. NOPD shall notify the Monitor as soon as practicable, and in any case within 12 hours, of any critical firearms discharge, in-custody death, or arrest of any officer.
- 471. The City and NOPD agree to ensure that the Monitor shall have timely, full and direct access to all City and NOPD staff, employees, critical incident crime scenes, and facilities that the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. The Monitor shall cooperate with the City and NOPD to access people and facilities in a reasonable manner that, consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities, minimizes interference with daily operations.
- 472. City and NOPD shall ensure that the Monitor has full and direct access to all City and NOPD documents and data that the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement, except any documents or data protected by the attorney-client privilege. The attorney-client privilege may not be used to prevent the Monitor from observing reviews and trainings such as use of force review boards, or disciplinary hearings. Should the City and NOPD decline to provide the Monitor access to documents or data based on privilege, the City and NOPD shall inform the Monitor and DOJ that they are withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide the Monitor and DOJ with a log describing the documents or data and the basis of the privilege for withholding.
- 473. For the purpose of implementing this Agreement, DOJ and its consultants and agents shall have full and direct access to all City and NOPD staff, employees, facilities, documents, and data. DOJ and its consultants and agents shall cooperate with the City and NOPD to access

involved personnel, facilities, and documents in a reasonable manner that, consistent with DOJ's responsibilities to enforce this Agreement, minimizes interference with daily operations. Should the City and NOPD decline to provide DOJ with access to documents or data based on privilege, the City and NOPD shall inform DOJ that they are withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide DOJ with a log describing the documents or data and the basis of the privilege for withholding.

- 474. The Monitor and DOJ shall provide the City and NOPD with reasonable notice of a request for copies of documents. Upon such request, the City and NOPD shall provide in a timely manner copies (electronic, where readily available) of the requested documents to the Monitor and DOJ.
- 475. The Monitor shall have access to all records and information relating to criminal investigations of NOPD officers as permissible by law. The Monitor shall have access to all documents in criminal investigation files that have been closed by NOPD after the Effective Date. The Monitor also shall have reasonable access to all arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications initiated after the Effective Date whether or not contained in open criminal investigation files. Where practicable, arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications initiated after the Effective Date shall be obtained from sources other than open criminal investigation files.
- 476. The Monitor and DOJ shall maintain all non-public information provided by the City and NOPD in a confidential manner. Other than as expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege or right the City and NOPD may assert, including those recognized at common law or created by statute, rule or regulation, against any other person or entity with respect to the disclosure of any document.

#### O. Selection and Compensation of the Monitor

477. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, or additional time if agreed to by both Parties, the City and DOJ shall together select a Monitor, acceptable to both, which shall assess and report on NOPD's implementation of this Agreement. The Parties have agreed to use New Orleans's procurement process in selecting the Monitor. This process shall be implemented in a manner consistent with this Agreement, including the requirement that the Monitor be jointly selected and acceptable to both DOJ and the City. The Parties' Monitor selection shall be subject to the

approval of the Federal Court with jurisdiction over this Agreement. The Monitor's team shall consist of individuals of the highest ethics.

- 478. If the Parties are unable to agree on a Monitor or an alternative method of selection within the timeframe agreed to by both parties as of the Effective Date, then the Court shall resolve the disagreement.
- 479. The Monitor shall be appointed for a period of four years from the Effective Date and the appointment shall be extended automatically should the City and NOPD not demonstrate full and effective compliance at the end of this four-year period. The extension of the Monitor beyond six years shall be allowed only if the Court determines that it is reasonably necessary in order to assess and facilitate full and effective compliance with this Agreement.
- 480. The City shall bear all reasonable fees and costs of the Monitor. DOJ and the City recognize the importance of ensuring that the fees and costs borne by the City are reasonable, and accordingly fees and costs shall be one factor considered in selecting the Monitor. In the event that any dispute arises regarding the reasonableness or payment of the Monitor's fees and costs, the City, DOJ, and the Monitor shall attempt to resolve such dispute cooperatively prior to seeking the assistance of the Court to resolve such dispute.
- **481.** The City shall provide the Monitor with permanent office space and reasonable office support such as office furniture, telephones, access to internet, secure document storage, and photocopying.
- 482. The Monitor, at any time after its initial selection, may request to be allowed to hire or employ or contract with such additional persons or entities as are reasonably necessary to perform the tasks assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. Any person or entity hired or otherwise retained by the Monitor to assist in furthering any provision of this Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The Monitor shall notify the City and DOJ in writing if the Monitor wishes to select such additional persons or entities. The notice shall identify and describe the qualifications of the person or entity to be hired or employed and the monitoring task to be performed. If the City and DOJ agree to the Monitor's proposal, the Monitor shall be authorized to hire or employ such additional persons or entities. The City or DOJ have 10 business days to disagree with the proposal. If the City and DOJ are unable to reach agreement within 10 business days of receiving notice of the disagreement, the Court shall resolve the dispute.

- 483. In the event that full and effective implementation of this Agreement requires technical assistance beyond the scope of the Monitor's duties, DOJ, NOPD, and/or the Monitor shall inform the City of the need for technical assistance and its relation to implementation of the Agreement. The Monitor, with assistance from the City, shall arrange for the prompt initiation of the required technical assistance, to be performed by the Monitor or its agent or independent contractor; the IPM; or a separate entity. The City shall set aside \$100,000.00 for this purpose, and shall allocate additional funds as necessary. If either Party disagrees with the need for the technical assistance requested, the Party shall, within 15 days of being informed in writing of the requested technical assistance, inform the Court, which shall resolve the dispute.
- 484. Should either of the Parties to this Agreement determine that the Monitor's individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors have exceeded their authority or failed to satisfactorily perform the duties required by this Agreement, the Party may petition the Court for such relief as the Court deems appropriate, including replacement of the Monitor, and/or any individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors.

# P. Court Jurisdiction, Modification of the Agreement, and Enforcement

- 485. This Agreement shall become effective upon entry by the Court.
- 486. To ensure that the requirements of this Agreement are properly and timely implemented, the Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action for all purposes until such time as the City has achieved full and effective compliance with this Agreement and maintained such compliance for no less than two years. At all times, the City and NOPD shall bear the burden of demonstrating full and effective compliance with this Agreement. DOJ acknowledges the good faith of the City in trying to address measures that are needed to promote police integrity and ensure constitutional policing in New Orleans. DOJ, however, reserves its right to seek enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement if it determines that the City has failed to fully comply with any provision of this Agreement. DOJ agrees to consult with officials from the City before instituting enforcement proceedings.
- 487. The City and DOJ may jointly stipulate to make changes, modifications, and amendments to this Agreement, which shall be effective, absent further action from the Court, 45 days after a joint motion has been filed with the Court. Such changes, modifications, and amendments to this Agreement shall be encouraged when the Parties agree, or where the reviews, assessments, and/or audits of the Monitor demonstrate, that the Agreement provision as drafted is not

furthering the purpose of the Agreement, or that there is a preferable alternative that will achieve the same purpose. Where the Parties or the Monitor are uncertain whether a change to the Agreement is advisable, the Parties may agree to suspend the current Agreement requirement for a time period agreed upon at the outset of the suspension. During this suspension, the Parties may agree to temporarily implement an alternative requirement. The Monitor shall assess whether the suspension of the requirement and the implementation of any alternative provision is as, or more, effective at achieving the purpose as was the original/current Agreement requirement, and the Parties shall consider this assessment in determining whether to jointly stipulate to make the suggested change, modification, or amendment.

- **488.** The Parties agree to defend the provisions of this Agreement. The Parties shall notify each other of any court or administrative challenge to this Agreement. In the event any provision of this Agreement is challenged in any City court, removal to a federal court shall be sought by the Parties.
- 489. The City and NOPD agree to promptly notify DOJ if any term of this Agreement becomes subject to collective bargaining consultation and to consult with DOJ in a timely manner regarding the position the City and NOPD take in any collective bargaining consultation connected with this Agreement.
- **490.** The City and NOPD agree to require compliance with this Agreement by their respective officers, employees, agencies, assigns, or successors.

#### Q. Termination of the Agreement

- 491. The City and NOPD will endeavor to reach full and effective compliance with this Agreement within four years of its Effective Date. The Parties may agree to jointly ask the Court to terminate this Agreement after this date, provided that the City and NOPD have been in full and effective compliance with this Agreement for two years. "Full and Effective Compliance" shall be defined to require sustained compliance with all material requirements of this Agreement or sustained and continuing improvement in constitutional policing, as demonstrated pursuant to the Agreement's outcome measures.
- 492. If after six years from the Effective Date, the Parties disagree whether the City has been in full and effective compliance for two years, either Party may seek to terminate this Agreement. In the case of termination sought by the City, prior to filing a motion to terminate, the City agrees to notify DOJ in writing when the City has determined that it is in full and

effective compliance with this Agreement and that such compliance has been maintained for no less than two years. Thereafter, the Parties shall promptly confer as to the status of compliance. If, after a reasonable period of consultation and the completion of any audit or evaluation that DOJ and/or the Monitor may wish to undertake, including on-site observations, document review, or interviews with the City and NOPD's personnel, the Parties cannot resolve any compliance issues, the City may file a motion to terminate this Agreement. If the City moves for termination of this Agreement, DOJ will have 60 days after the receipt of the City's motion to object to the motion. If DOJ does not object, the Court may grant the City's motion. If DOJ does make an objection, the Court shall hold a hearing on the motion and the burden shall be on the City to demonstrate that it is in full and effective compliance with this Agreement and has maintained such compliance for at least two years.

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Plaintiff \* NUMBER: 12-1924

v. \* SECTION: E

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS \*

Defendant

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## ERRATA SHEET REGARDING PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE

- 1. Caption changed to reflect case number and section assignment.
- 2. ¶ 4: commas added before and after the phrase "and the claims arose in."
- 3. ¶ 10: The following sentence was added at the end of the paragraph: "The assertion of such privilege would be decided by the court with jurisdiction over the action, motion, subpoena, or request for disclosure."
- 4. ¶ 14.a): "a" added before "knife or stick."
- 5. ¶ 14.h): hanging hyphen in "well-documented" moved to next line.
- 6. ¶ 14.r): "firearms" changed to "firearm."
- 7. ¶ 14.vvv) (formally uuu): numbering fixed.
- 8. ¶ 17: "policy" and "procedure" each made plural.
- 9. ¶ 21: "s" added to two instances of "object."
- 10. ¶ 21: "Stop" changed to "Stops" and "Arrest" changed to "Arrests."
- 11. ¶ 22: numbering format changed to be consistent with rest of Consent Decree.
- 12. ¶ 25: "s" added to "report" to agree with subject.
- 13. ¶ 28: comma added after "overarching."
- 14. ¶ 31: "pursuit" changed to "pursuits."
- 15. ¶ 40: added "or entering a confined space, such as a crawl-space."
- 16. ¶ 43: added "except where the suspect is hiding in a confined space (e.g. a crawl space) and refuses to surrender." Restructured paragraph to make clearer.

- 17. § III introductory paragraph: "effect" changed to "affect."
- 18. ¶ 59: comma removed after "subject."
- 19. ¶ 65.c): additional space added after colon.
- 20. ¶ 65.c): "a member" changed to "members."
- 21. ¶ 70: "SOD's" changed to "the Special Operations Division's."
- 22. ¶ 72: hanging hyphen in "after-action" moved to next line.
- 23. ¶ 76: comma removed after "uniform."
- 24. ¶ 82: hanging hyphen in "force-related" moved to next line.
- 25. ¶ 86.e): extra space removed after "statement."
- 26. ¶ 97: comma added after "as necessary."
- 27. ¶ 101: "any" added after "and."
- 28. ¶ 101: commas changed to semicolons.
- 29. ¶ 107.d): extra space before "including" removed.
- 30. ¶ 108.d): extra space before "If" removed.
- 31. ¶¶ 113.f)(2) and (5): font of apostrophes changed.
- 32. ¶ 115: "of the Effective Date" added after "Within three years."
- 33. ¶ 117: hanging hyphen in "lecture-based" moved to next line.
- 34. ¶ 118: hanging hyphen in "in-service" moved to next line.
- 35. ¶ 119: extra space removed between "to" and "offer."
- 36. ¶ 125: "or gender identity" added after "sexual orientation" to mirror language used in

#### ¶ 127.

- 37. ¶ 132: comma added after "privacy."
- 38. ¶ 149.f): "the apparent" added before "race" to make consistent with preceding clause.
- 39. ¶ 151: hanging hyphen in "non-disciplinary" moved to next line.
- 40. ¶ 154: hyphen added to "personally identifying."
- 41. ¶ 162.b): "and" removed after semicolon.
- 42. ¶ 162.e): semicolon moved inside quotation marks.
- 43. ¶ 164: hanging hyphen in "pre-interview" moved to next line.
- 44. ¶ 177: hanging hyphen in "non-enforcement" moved to next line.
- 45. ¶ 181: numbering format changed to be consistent with rest of Consent Decree.

- 46. ¶ 187: extra space removed before "Where."
- 47. ¶ 189.f): "Communication" changed to "Communications."
- 48. ¶ 191: extra space removed between "and" and "this."
- 49. ¶ 191.e): modified so that it is two separate paragraphs. "Basic command of Spanish or Vietnamese, for officers assigned to Districts with significant LEP populations" now in ¶ 191.f).
- 50. ¶ 201.a): period changed to semicolon.
- 51. ¶ 206: "ISB" changed to "Investigative Services Bureau."
- 52. ¶ 208: hanging hyphen in "drug-facilitated" moved to next line.
- 53. ¶ 212: comma added after "policies and procedures."
- 54. ¶ 214: "has" changed to "have."
- 55. ¶ 217: "of" changed to "or."
- 56. ¶ 220: "4" changed to "four."
- 57. ¶ 228: semicolon changed to comma and "and" added between "developing community partnerships" and "participating in public meetings."
- 58. ¶ 224: extra space removed between "adequate" and "number."
- 59. ¶ 226: "8" changed to "eight."
- 60. ¶ 233: "publically" changed to "publicly."
- 61. ¶241: extra space removed after "Civil Service."
- 62. ¶ 242: hanging hyphen in "non-discriminatory" moved to next line.
- 63. ¶ 245: "the" added before "recruit training academy" and "and" removed before "all inservice training."
- 64. ¶ 247: hanging hyphen in "Department-Wide" moved to next line and capital "W" in "Department-Wide" changed to lowercase.
- 65. ¶ 248: extra space before "two" removed.
- 66. ¶ 248: "and" added before "a representative from the FBI, the District Attorney's office, the USAO, and the City Attorney's Office."
- 67. ¶ 251: comma added after "federal law."
- 68. ¶ 254: "XIX.E." changed to "XII.E."
- 69. ¶ 255: hanging hyphen in "in-service" moved to next line.

- 70. ¶ 257: extra space before "Within" removed and commas added before and after "and incorporate the requirements of."
- 71. ¶ 267: comma removed after "progression."
- 72. ¶ 268: hanging hyphen in "de-escalation" moved to next line.
- 73. ¶ 275: hanging hyphen in "field-training" moved to next line.
- 74. ¶ 279: "dependant" changed to "dependent."
- 75. ¶ 282: "method" changed to "methods."
- 76. ¶ 283: extra parentheses removed.
- 77. ¶ 295: "twelve months" changed to "365 days"
- 78. ¶ 296.j): semicolon changed to period.
- 79. ¶ 300: extra space removed before "supervisor."
- 80. ¶ 302: "twelve months" changed to "365 days"
- 81. ¶ 305: "for officers" added so that sentence reads: The City agrees to work with Civil Service to create opportunities for officers to be placed on the promotional list at least every two years.
- 82. ¶ 313: hanging hyphen in "non-disciplinary" moved to next line.
- 83. ¶ 314: extra space before "All" removed.
- 84. ¶ 319.f): comma removed after "records."
- 85. ¶ 320: extra space removed before "or similar charges."
- 86. ¶ 328g: "consistent with NOPD's state-approved document retention schedule" added to clarify that provision is consistent with Louisiana law.
- 87. ¶ 333: "and" added before "shall remain independent from actual or perceived influence by NOPD."
- 88. ¶ 358: period removed after "FTO."
- 89. ¶ 363.e): comma removed after "employer."
- 90. ¶ 364: hyphen added to "seven day."
- 91. ¶ 365: hyphen added to "24 hour."
- 92. ¶ 367: extra space removed after "Registration."
- 93. ¶ 367.a): "a" removed before "secondary employment."
- 94. ¶ 376: extra space removed before "infraction."

- 95. ¶ 381: extra spaces removed before "Officers."
- 96. ¶ 383: extra spaces removed after "365" and between "NOPD" and "agrees."
- 97. ¶ 383: semicolon added between "failure to take a complaint" and "failure to report misconduct or complaints."
- 98. ¶ 411: comma removed after "officer."
- 99. ¶ 414: extra space removed after "resolve."
- 100. ¶ 420: "ten" changed to "10."
- 101. ¶ 421: comma removed after "consistent."
- 102. ¶ 426: In last sentence of paragraph, "shall" changed to "should."
- 103. § XVIII. Introductory Paragraph: comma removed after "trends."
- 104. ¶ 433: "toward" added between "progress" and "meeting."
- 105. ¶ 435: "and" added before "business and religious groups."
- 106. ¶ 437.a): extra space removed before "community."
- 107. § XVIII.E: extra space removed before "Community."
- 108. ¶ 443: "will" changed to "may."
- 109. ¶ 445: comma added after "responsibilities."
- 110. ¶ 448.a): "Force" changed to "force."
- 111. ¶ 448.a)(4): "Force" changed to "force" and comma added after "policy."
- 112. ¶ 448.b): "the" changed to "The."
- 113. ¶ 448.b)(2): comma added after "i.e."
- 114. ¶ 448.c)(1): extra space removed before "particular."
- 115. ¶ 448.c)(2): "homicide" changed to "Homicide."
- 116. ¶ 448.c)(3): hyphen added to "non LEP" and comma added after "NOPD."
- 117. ¶ 450: changed "12 months" to "365 days"
- 118. ¶ 451: period added after "constitutional policing" and extra space removed.
- 119. ¶ 454: "may" changed to "shall" so that sentence reads: "The Monitor shall coordinate with the IPM in conducting these use of force and misconduct investigation reviews."
- 120. ¶ 456: "and shall submit such stipulation to the Court for approval" added after "accordingly."

- 121. ¶ 459: "may" changed to "shall" so that sentence reads: "In conducting its assessments, reviews, and audits, and in developing its monitoring plan and review methodologies, the Monitor shall coordinate and confer with the IPM to avoid duplication of effort and expenses."
- 122. § XIX.J: "between" changed to "Between."
- 123. ¶ 460: comma added and "and" removed after "Superintendent."
- 124. ¶ 461: comma added after "reports."
- 125. ¶ 463: "Monitoring" changed to "Monitor."
- 126. ¶ 469: "and" removed before "the City's assessment of the status of its progress."
- 127. ¶ 469: "six months" changed to "180 days"
- 128. ¶ 470: extra space removed after "hearings."
- 129. ¶ 477: removed: "The Parties have agreed to use New Orleans' procurement process in selecting the Monitor," as the process has been revised consistent with the Court's instruction.

# **EXHIBIT B**

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constitutional protections. In addition, Defendants MCSO and Arpaio pursue a pattern or practice of illegal retaliation against their perceived critics by subjecting them to baseless criminal actions, unfounded civil lawsuits, or meritless administrative actions.

- 2. As a result of the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination, Latinos in Maricopa County are systematically denied their constitutional rights; the relationship between MCSO and key segments of the community is eroded, making it more difficult for MCSO to fight crime; and the safety of prisoners and officers in the jails is jeopardized. Constitutional policing is an essential element of effective law enforcement. MCSO and Arpaio's conduct is neither constitutional nor effective law enforcement.
- Defendant Maricopa County, which is responsible for funding and 3. oversight of MCSO, has failed to ensure that MCSO's programs or activities comply with the requirements of the Constitution and federal law.
- 4. The Defendants' violations of the Constitution and laws of the United States are the product of a culture of disregard in MCSO for Latinos that starts at the top and pervades the organization. MCSO jail employees frequently refer to Latinos as "wetbacks," "Mexican bitches," and "stupid Mexicans." MCSO supervisors involved in immigration enforcement have expressed anti-Latino bias, in one instance widely distributing an email that included a photograph of a Chihuahua dog dressed in swimming gear with the caption "A Rare Photo of a Mexican Navy Seal." MCSO and Arpaio's words and actions set the tone and create a culture of bias that contributes to unlawful actions.
- 5. MCSO promotes, and is indifferent to, the discriminatory conduct of its law enforcement officers, as is demonstrated by inadequate policies, ineffective training, virtually non-existent accountability measures, poor supervision, scant data collection mechanisms, distorted enforcement prioritization, an ineffective complaint and

disciplinary system, and dramatic departures from standard law enforcement practices.

- 6. This Complaint sets out three categories of unlawful conduct: (1) a pattern or practice of discriminatory and otherwise unconstitutional law enforcement actions against Latinos in Maricopa County; (2) discriminatory jail practices against Latino prisoners with limited English language skills; and (3) a pattern or practice of retaliatory actions against perceived critics of MCSO activities.
- 7. This action is brought to enforce the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution; the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14141; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-7; the Title VI implementing regulations issued by the United States Department of Justice, 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101 to 42.112; and Title VI contractual assurances.
- 8. The United States seeks declaratory and injunctive relief to remedy the Defendants' violations of the law and to ensure that MCSO implements sustainable reforms establishing police and jail practices that are constitutional. Implementation of constitutional policing practices will enhance public safety for people in Maricopa County.
  - 9. The United States alleges the following:

#### **DEFENDANTS**

- 10. Defendant Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is a law enforcement agency in Maricopa County, Arizona. MCSO provides law enforcement throughout the County and operates the county jail system. MCSO is a program or activity that receives federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), both directly and as a subrecipient of Maricopa County.
- 11. Defendant Joseph M. Arpaio (Arpaio) is the Sheriff of Maricopa County and is responsible for the operation of MCSO, both in its policing and jail operations. Arpaio has signed contractual assurances that MCSO will comply with federal law.

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12. Defendant Maricopa County (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona. The County is responsible for funding MCSO. The County's programs and activities receive federal financial assistance, including from DOJ. As a recipient of federal funds, the County is responsible for ensuring—and it has made contractual assurances that it will ensure—that the programs or activities to which it distributes those funds, including programs administered by MCSO, comply with federal law.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 13. Maricopa County, Arizona has close to four million residents and is the fourth largest county in the United States by population.
  - 14. Maricopa County covers more than 9,200 square miles.
- 15. According to the 2010 census, Maricopa County is 59 percent White, non-Hispanic, 30 percent Hispanic/Latino, 5 percent Black, 4 percent Asian, and 2 percent Native American. The Hispanic population in Maricopa County grew by approximately 47 percent during the period between the 2000 census and the 2010 census.
- 16. MCSO employs approximately 900 sworn deputies and 1,800 sworn detention officers (both are referred to as "officers" in this Complaint). It also relies on the services of approximately 3,000 volunteer posse members.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 17. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345.
- 18. The United States is authorized to initiate this action against Defendants Maricopa County, MCSO, and Arpaio (collectively, "the Defendants") under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14141, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-7, and its implementing regulations, 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101 to 42.112.

- 19. Declaratory and injunctive relief is sought as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 14141(b) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.
- 20. Venue is proper in the District of Arizona pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). The Defendants are located in Arizona, and all events, actions, or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in Arizona.

#### **FACTS**

# I. MCSO's Police Practices Unlawfully Discriminate against Latinos in Violation of Their Constitutional and Statutory Rights

- 21. In or about 2006, Arpaio decided to turn MCSO into a "full-fledged antiillegal immigration agency." Since that time, MCSO has made immigration enforcement one of the highest priorities of its law enforcement efforts.
- 22. From at least 2006 and continuing through the present, MCSO officers have unlawfully discriminated against Latinos and otherwise violated their constitutional rights through a broad range of police practices, including the following:
  - a. Unconstitutional and unlawful targeting of Latinos, because of their race, color, or national origin, for pretextual traffic stops during routine enforcement activity, in connection with purported immigration and human smuggling law enforcement activities, and during purported crime suppression operations (suppression sweeps);
  - b. Unconstitutional and unlawful detention of Latino drivers and passengers, because of their race, color, or national origin, to determine immigration status, when there is no lawful basis for the detention;
  - Unconstitutional and unlawful searches and seizures of Latinos, because of their race, color, or national origin, during raids of residences suspected of housing undocumented persons; and
  - d. Unconstitutional and unlawful targeting of Latino workers and illegal detention of Latinos, because of their race, color, or national origin, during worksite raids.

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23. These practices, and the Defendants' discriminatory actions against Latino limited English proficient (LEP) prisoners in MCSO jails (described below), constitute a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives Latinos in Maricopa County of rights, privileges, and immunities secured and protected by the United States Constitution and federal laws.

- 24. The Defendants' intent to discriminate against Latinos is demonstrated not only by the disparate negative impact on Latinos of the discriminatory conduct described above, but by other practices, policies, and statements of the Defendants, including:
  - a. MCSO's departure from standard law enforcement practices that help to prevent biased policing and ensure constitutional policing; and
  - b. Statements by MCSO leadership and staff denigrating and endorsing the denigration of Latinos.

### Α. MCSO Targets Latinos on the Roads in a Discriminatory and **Otherwise Unconstitutional Manner**

- 25. MCSO officers unlawfully rely on race, color, or national origin in their enforcement of traffic laws.
- 26. Latino drivers are subjected to disparate treatment as compared to similarly situated non-Latino drivers.
- 27. This was evidenced by a 2011 study that assessed the incidence of traffic violations by non-Latino and Latino drivers and compared those data to the rates at which MCSO officers stopped non-Latino and Latino traffic violators.
- 28. For example, in the southwest portion of the County, the study found that Latino drivers are almost four times more likely to be stopped by MCSO officers than non-Latino drivers engaged in similar conduct.
- 29. In the northwest portion of the County, the study found that Latino drivers are over seven times more likely to be stopped by MCSO officers than non-Latino drivers engaged in similar conduct.

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30. Most strikingly, in the northeast portion of the County, the study found that Latino drivers are nearly nine times more likely to be stopped by MCSO officers than non-Latino drivers engaged in similar conduct.

- 31. This targeting of Latinos for traffic enforcement violates the Fourth Amendment and the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.
  - i. Unlawful Traffic Stops by the Human Smuggling Unit
- 32. MCSO discriminates against Latinos through traffic stops made in connection with the immigration enforcement activities of its Human Smuggling Unit (HSU).
- 33. HSU is a unit of approximately 15 officers and supervisors whose mission is to "interdict human smuggling loads and drop houses, and conduct investigations that result in the successful prosecution of all suspects under A.R.S. §13-2319.A." A.R.S. §13-2319.A is Arizona's criminal human smuggling law.
- 34. In pursuing HSU's mission of interdicting human smugglers, HSU members unlawfully and routinely rely on race, color, or national origin in initiating pretextual stops of vehicles on the roads and highways of Maricopa County.
  - 35. HSU members exercise significant discretion in determining whom to stop.
- 36. Training of HSU members emphasizes highly subjective factors to determine which cars to target for stops and whether to treat passengers in stopped cars as potentially undocumented persons.
- 37. The factors described in MCSO deputy training, and relied upon by HSU members, are not reasonably calculated to differentiate between undocumented immigrants and U.S. citizens who are Latino, or Latinos who are otherwise lawfully in the United States. For example, in determining which cars to stop and which people to detain, MCSO officers routinely rely upon factors such as whether passengers look "disheveled" or do not speak English. These criteria, as routinely cited by HSU officers, are insufficient to provide reasonable suspicion that a vehicle

contains undocumented persons or to justify the detention of passengers for questioning.

- 38. HSU does not collect relevant data or other information that would allow it to assess the efficacy of its methods, or to evaluate whether any HSU officer is engaged in unconstitutional conduct.
- 39. Officers are given little meaningful training on procedures to avoid racial profiling and MCSO has no meaningful accountability mechanisms in place.
- 40. HSU operates without meaningful policy guidance, despite the high risk of racial profiling from immigration-targeted law enforcement activities. The MCSO Handbook provided to HSU officers contains no guidance on the enforcement of immigration laws or the determination of probable cause for immigration violations in a manner that avoids discrimination based on race, color, or national origin.
- 41. As a result, vehicles occupied by Latinos are far more likely to be stopped by HSU officers, as compared to non-Latino drivers and passengers.
- 42. HSU officers report low "hit" rates from pretextual stops. The vast majority of people stopped by HSU officers are either United States citizens or are otherwise lawfully present in the United States.
- 43. HSU targets not only drivers, but passengers, in an attempt to apprehend both smugglers and the persons who are being smuggled.
- 44. HSU officers often unlawfully justify stops of Latino drivers on grounds that are false, contradict their own records, or do not rise to the level of a traffic law violation.
- 45. In one instance, HSU officers stopped and detained a Latino driver and Latino passengers for a human smuggling investigation because they "appeared to be laying or leaning on top of each other" and "appeared, disheveled, dirty, or stained clothing [sic]." However, MCSO pictures taken at the scene show neatly dressed passengers sitting comfortably in the rear of the vehicle.

- 46. In another instance, MCSO officers stopped a car carrying four Latino men, although the car was not violating any traffic laws. The MCSO officers ordered the men out of the car, zip-tied them, and made them sit on the curb for an hour before releasing all of them. The only reason given for the stop was that the men's car "was a little low," which is not a criminal or traffic violation.
- 47. In addition to engaging in discrimination in the determination of whom to stop, HSU officers illegally detain Latino passengers to determine immigration status.
- 48. Once HSU officers stop a car, and a driver or passenger appears to be Latino, officers will typically question the passenger regarding immigration status and ask for identification. If the passenger cannot produce identification or does not speak English to the officer, the HSU officer routinely will detain the passenger to determine whether the passenger is lawfully in the United States.
- 49. Reports by MCSO officers reveal the routine absence of probable cause to arrest passengers. For example, the following factors, in some combination, were listed as the support for probable cause in more than 50 arrest reports: passengers appeared nervous or avoided eye contact; passengers had strong smell of body odor; and passengers had no luggage or personal belongings in the car.
  - ii. <u>Unlawful Traffic Stops During Suppression Sweeps</u>
- 50. MCSO unlawfully discriminates against Latinos in traffic stops conducted during "crime suppression operations," commonly known as suppression sweeps.
- 51. MCSO has adopted the practice of suppression sweeps—large-scale, resource-intensive operations involving dozens of officers and volunteer posse members—as part of its efforts to enforce immigration laws.
- 52. Suppression sweeps are a practice of using a high volume of pretextual traffic stops over a designated period in selected geographic areas in an effort to identify undocumented persons.
- 53. MCSO officers exercise significant discretion in determining whom to stop during suppression sweeps.

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- 54. During these operations, MCSO officers target Latinos, as opposed to non-Latinos, for traffic stops based on their race, color, or national origin. These sweeps result in the systematic violation of the constitutional rights of Latinos.
- 55. The suppression sweeps are not based on reliable intelligence or allegations of criminal activity, lack sufficient operational planning, are not subject to meaningful oversight, and are conducted by MCSO officers, along with volunteer posse members, who are given insufficient training or guidance as to the execution of suppression sweeps.
- MCSO does not collect relevant data or other information that would allow 56. it to assess the efficacy of these suppression sweeps, or to evaluate whether any officer misconduct occurs during such operations.
- 57. Highly subjective criteria are used to determine who is subject to detention pursuant to a pretext traffic stop.
- 58. Locations also have been selected for sweeps because of complaints by non-Latino residents that there are Latinos in those areas.
- 59. A high percentage of people who are stopped have committed no criminal offense. In one crime suppression sweep, out of 299 stops, only 41 persons were taken into custody. In another, 451 vehicles were stopped and only 53 persons were taken into custody. These rates are typical of all MCSO suppression sweeps.
- 60. MCSO suppression sweeps on County roads result in extensive and unjustified seizures, often of dozens of law-abiding Latinos who happen to be in the area in which the operation is taking place.
  - Mistreatment of Latinos In the Course of Traffic Enforcement
- 61. The unlawful targeting and stopping of Latinos by MCSO officers through routine traffic enforcement activities and immigration-related operations has led to the mistreatment of Latinos.
- 62. For example, an MCSO officer stopped a Latina woman – a citizen of the United States and five months pregnant at the time – as she pulled into her driveway.

After she exited her car, the officer then insisted that she sit on the hood of the car. When she refused, the officer grabbed her arms, pulled them behind her back, and slammed her, stomach first, into the vehicle three times. He then dragged her to the patrol car and shoved her into the backseat. He left her in the patrol car for approximately 30 minutes without air conditioning. The MCSO officer ultimately issued a citation for failure to provide identification. This citation was later changed to failure to provide proof of insurance. The citation was resolved when the woman provided her proof of insurance to the local court.

63. In another instance, during a crime suppression operation, two MCSO officers followed a Latina woman, a citizen of the United States, for a quarter of a mile to her home. The officers did not turn on their emergency lights, but insisted that the woman remain in her car when she attempted to exit the car and enter her home. The officers' stated reasons for approaching the woman was a non-functioning license plate light. When the woman attempted to enter her home, the officers used force to take her to the ground, kneed her in the back, and handcuffed her. The woman was then taken to an MCSO substation, cited for "disorderly conduct," and returned home. The disorderly conduct citation was subsequently dismissed.

### B. MCSO Targets Latinos in Their Homes and Workplaces for Immigration Enforcement in a Discriminatory and Otherwise Unconstitutional Manner

- 64. MCSO, through its specialized units and specialized operations, has targeted Latinos in their homes and in their workplaces in a discriminatory and otherwise unconstitutional manner.
- 65. At the same time, MCSO has knowingly failed to implement adequate policies, training, or accountability mechanisms to prevent unlawful discrimination against Latinos.
- 66. HSU officers have searched and seized Latinos without cause on the basis of race, color, or national origin in raids of residences.

67. For example, during a raid of a house suspected of containing human smugglers and their victims, HSU officers went to an adjacent house, which was occupied by a Latino family. The officers entered the adjacent house and searched it, without a warrant and without the residents' knowing consent. Although they found no evidence of criminal activity, after the search was over, the officers zip-tied the residents, a Latino man, a legal permanent resident of the United States, and his 12-year-old Latino son, a citizen of the United States, and required them to sit on the sidewalk for more than one hour, along with approximately 10 persons who had been seized from the target house, before being released.

- 68. The Criminal Employment Squad (CES) is an immigration enforcement unit of approximately 10 MCSO officers that relies primarily on state identity theft laws to interdict undocumented immigrants. CES officers conduct raids at worksites in an effort to arrest undocumented persons who are working without proper authorization. These raids are conducted in a manner that results in the seizure of Latinos without reasonable suspicion.
- 69. According to MCSO, CES has conducted 60 raids resulting in 627 arrests since 2006, with the most recent in May 2012.
- 70. Virtually all worksite raids have taken place at businesses where the majority of the employees are Latino.
- 71. CES officers typically conduct these raids pursuant to search warrants that list specific persons at the worksite who are suspected of being in possession of fraudulent identity documents. They do not ordinarily obtain arrest warrants.
- 72. During raids, CES typically seizes all Latinos present, whether they are listed on the warrant or not. For example, in one raid CES had a search warrant for 67 people, yet 109 people were detained. Fifty-nine people were arrested and 50 held for several hours before they were released. Those detained, but not on the warrant, were seized because they were Latino and present at the time of the raid. No legal justification existed for their detention.

- 73. In another raid, a U.S.-born Latina was taken into custody for four hours to determine whether she was lawfully in the United States. In response to media inquiries about this incident, Arpaio was quoted as saying: "That's just normal police work. You sometimes take people in for probable cause for questioning and they're released." The only cause for her arrest was that she was Latina and on-site during a raid, reasons insufficient to provide probable cause for the detention.
- 74. CES officers ordinarily use unjustified seizures to conduct interviews of all seized persons to determine if they are legally in the country, despite lacking legal justification to detain them. The determination of whether to seize and detain a worker for questioning is impermissibly based on race, color, or national origin. These seizures are not for the limited, legitimate purposes of protecting officers, protecting evidence, or identifying persons listed on the warrant.
- 75. For example, during one worksite raid, CES officers demanded to see the identification of a Latino man who was parked in a lot adjacent to the business targeted in the worksite raid, indicating that CES officers questioned the man because he appeared Latino and happened to be in the vicinity of the worksite raid.
- 76. The worksite raids are not subject to meaningful oversight, lack sufficient operational planning, and are conducted by MCSO officers who are given insufficient training or guidance as to the execution of worksite raids.
- 77. In addition, MCSO does not collect data or other information that would allow it to assess the efficacy of these worksite raids or evaluate whether any officer misconduct occurs during such operations.
- 78. MCSO's treatment of Latino employees in CES worksite raids stands in stark contrast to the treatment of their employers, who are often non-Latino. MCSO officers do not charge or detain business owners whose worksites are raided.

# C. MCSO Has Significantly Departed from Standard Law Enforcement Practices that Protect against Discriminatory Policing

- 79. MCSO has failed to develop and implement policies and practices that generally would be expected of law enforcement agencies, and specifically would be expected of law enforcement agencies to protect against discriminatory policing. There is no legitimate law enforcement purpose that explains these failures. These failures are evidence that MCSO's discrimination against Latinos is intentional.
  - i. MCSO Fails to Adopt Basic Policy, Training and Oversight Practices in Connection with HSU and CES
- 80. The nature of the specialized work performed by HSU and CES carries with it a high risk of discriminatory conduct. For example, HSU makes heavy use of pretextual traffic stops of Latinos to purportedly interdict human smugglers and their victims; a high number of stops made by HSU result in extended searches and seizures; and HSU's success is judged by the number of immigration arrests it makes.
- 81. Under these circumstances, a law enforcement agency ordinarily would require that a unit engaged in activities with these risks receive more supervision and meaningful policy guidance. By contrast, HSU and CES officers operate under less oversight than other MCSO officers and receive limited written guidance. HSU and CES officers receive no formal training specific to their responsibilities, beyond that received by other MCSO officers. HSU is guided in its high-risk policing by a three-page document.
- 82. Arpaio and MCSO leadership promote and are indifferent to the heightened risk of discriminatory conduct that is created by MCSO's lack of basic policy, training and oversight practices in connection with HSU and CES. The failure to provide such supervision and guidance is evidence of intent to discriminate against Latinos.

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- MCSO and Arpaio's Decision to Prioritize Immigration Enforcement over the ii. Investigation of Rape, Sexual Assault, and other Violent Crime Provides Additional Evidence of Defendants' Intent to Discriminate against Latinos
- 83. MCSO has focused its most intensive law enforcement efforts on low-level immigration offenses over more serious crime from approximately 2006 to the present. MCSO's prioritization of immigration enforcement has resulted in a failure to meet its other law enforcement responsibilities, and provides further evidence of the Defendants' intent to discriminate against Latinos.
- 84. Statistical reports show an increase in violent crime in Maricopa County, and of homicides in particular, during the period of enhanced immigration enforcement.
- 85. MCSO has failed, for example, to adequately respond to reports of sexual violence, including allegations of rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of girls, thus exposing women and girls, who constitute the majority of victims of crimes of sexual violence in Maricopa County, to a disproportionate risk of physical and psychological harm.
- 86. Faced with such an increase in crime and the risk of harm presented by unaddressed sexual assaults, a law enforcement agency ordinarily would be expected to prioritize more serious offenses, such as crimes of sexual violence, over less serious offenses, such as low-level immigration offenses.
- iii. MCSO and Arpaio's Ineffective Oversight, Accountability, Training, and Policies Fail to Prevent Unlawful Targeting of Latinos and Provides Additional Evidence of Their Intent to Discriminate Against Latinos
- 87. MCSO has inadequate policies and training, and systems of oversight and accountability. These institutional failures persist despite MCSO's awareness of the risk of discriminatory policing created by MCSO's program to enforce immigrations laws. MCSO fails to adopt policies and practices to prevent and address discriminatory policing.

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88. MCSO fails to collect data that will permit the identification of discriminatory practices. MCSO has no system in place for effectively tracking deputy or unit conduct, traffic stops, citations, arrests, uses of force, or complaints. These data are collected by many other law enforcement agencies as a means of preventing discriminatory policing.

- 89. MCSO's occasional reliance on its Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to monitor officer conduct is inadequate since it does not fully track deputy activity. The CAD system does not, for instance, track such information as race or ethnicity, and MCSO officers have wide discretion regarding the use of and information they input into CAD.
- 90. MCSO's institutional failures further extend to grossly inadequate procedures for tracking deputy misconduct.
- 91. MCSO's system for investigating complaints of deputy misconduct gives substantial discretion to the supervisor of the deputy who is the subject of the complaint. Supervisors, who may bear some responsibility for that misconduct, are given discretion to close the investigation of the complaint without further notification through the command structure, notification of Internal Affairs, or centralized record keeping.
- 92. Neither Internal Affairs nor any other element of the MCSO command structure tracks allegations of deputy misconduct. Consequently, MCSO command staff members often are unaware of repeated complaints made about a deputy.
- 93. MCSO practices discourage individuals from filing complaints and fail to collect data that would assist it in identifying and correcting incidents of biased policing.
- 94. MCSO has virtually no policies or procedures designed to prevent discriminatory policing by its officers. MCSO nominally forbids racial profiling, but has no policy describing with any degree of specificity what racial profiling is or how to prevent it.

- 95. MCSO is fully aware of the risk of discriminatory policing created by its practices. Given that, the lack of adequate training and policies necessary to prevent the discriminatory treatment and abuse of Latinos reveals a disregard for the rights of the Latino community, and stands as further evidence of an intent to discriminate against Latinos.
  - iv. MCSO Posses Receive Inadequate Training and Oversight
- 96. MCSO has recruited nearly 3,000 volunteer posse members since 1993. MCSO makes use of volunteer posse members in various capacities, including in operations by HSU and CES, and in suppression sweeps.
- 97. MCSO has used volunteer posse members in its immigration enforcement actions since 2008. In 2010, it created an "illegal immigration posse."
- 98. Volunteer posse members do not receive the same level of training as sworn MCSO officers. As acknowledged by MCSO policies, posse volunteers are not qualified to participate in routine law enforcement activities.
- 99. Nonetheless, MCSO relies on volunteer posse members for immigration enforcement operations. Volunteer posse members assist in the identification and search of vehicles and suspected "drop houses;" the transport of individuals suspected of immigration law violations; the execution of worksite raids by CES; and crowd control during demonstrations against MCSO immigration policies.
- 100. MCSO provides insufficient supervision and oversight to ensure that volunteer posse members taking part in immigration enforcement activities do so without engaging in unlawful discrimination.
  - D. MCSO Leadership and Staff Demonstrate Intent to Discriminate against Latinos through Their Public Statements and Endorsement of Anti-Latino Statements
- 101. Arpaio and MCSO command staff have created and fostered institutional bias against Latinos, which underlies and further encourages the unlawful treatment of Latinos by MCSO. MCSO's pervasive bias against Latinos is demonstrated by

MCSO command staff's public expressions of hostility toward Latinos and the Latino community—including public statements by MCSO command staff indicating bias against Latinos, endorsement of and reliance on citizen correspondence evincing animus against Latinos, and emails circulated among MCSO staff indicating bias against Latinos.

- 102. Arpaio has made public statements that conflate all Latinos with undocumented individuals and that demonstrate bias toward Latinos and their presence in the United States.
- 103. Arpaio voiced his biased opinion of Latinos and Latino culture in a book that he coauthored in 2008. In that book, Arpaio singles out Mexicans and Latinos as different from all other immigrant groups in America. For example, Arpaio states that Latinos maintain "language [,] customs [and] beliefs separate from the mainstream," and are trying to "reconquest" American soil through their migration to the United States.
- 104. In a nationally televised interview in 2009, Arpaio stated: "They hate me, the Hispanic community, because they're afraid they're going to be arrested. And they're all leaving town, so I think we're doing something good, if they're leaving."
- 105. Such statements convey to MCSO personnel that discrimination and other unlawful conduct against Latinos is acceptable and part of MCSO's policies or practices.
- 106. Arpaio has adopted practices that further convey to MCSO command staff his endorsement of discrimination and other unlawful conduct toward Latinos. Arpaio has circulated letters from constituents and the wider public that express biased sentiments toward Latinos—but which contain no actionable information about criminal activity or immigration-related offenses—to MCSO command staff, along with his annotations on the letters giving instructions to staff to respond with thankyou notes or to maintain copies for his files.

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- 107. For example, Arpaio received a letter stating "[i]f you have dark skin, then you have dark skin. Unfortunately, that is the look of the Mexican illegals who are here illegally... I'm begging you to come over ... and round them all up." Arpaio labeled the letter as "intelligence," forwarded it to his Deputy Chief of Enforcement Operations and told the Deputy Chief to "[h]ave someone handle this."
- 108. Arpaio received a letter endorsing "stopping Mexicans to make sure they are legal" as a police practice, sent a letter of appreciation to its two authors, and kept three copies of the original letter for himself.
- 109. Arpaio instructed his senior staff to "look into" a complaint that workers were speaking Spanish in a McDonald's restaurant.
- Similarly, Arpaio maintains an "immigration file," in which he keeps letters that advocate blatant bias against Latinos.
- MCSO supervisory staff also expresses bias and endorses discrimination 111. and other unlawful conduct against Latinos.
- MCSO personnel, including MCSO supervisors, have circulated among 112. themselves, on County computers, e-mails mocking or stereotyping Mexicans or Latinos.
- For example, an e-mail circulated among MCSO personnel contained an 113. image of an imitation driver's license with a caricature of a Mexican national described as originating from "Mexifornia" and having a driver class of "illegal alien."
- Still another e-mail sent by a sergeant in MCSO's HSU suggested that 114. Mexicans are prone to drunkenness.
- 115. MCSO personnel responsible for prisoners held in MCSO jails routinely direct racial slurs toward Latino prisoners, including calling Latino prisoners "paisas," "wetbacks," "Mexican bitches," "fucking Mexicans," and "stupid Mexicans."

116. MCSO's Chief of Enforcement acknowledged that the majority of undocumented persons in Maricopa County are Latino and described undocumented persons as "the lowest element in our society."

# II. MCSO's Correctional Practices Violate the Constitutional and Statutory Rights of Latino Limited English Proficient Prisoners

- 117. Latino Limited English Proficient (LEP) prisoners in MCSO jails routinely suffer harm because of their inability to speak English. This harm is a direct result of MCSO and Arpaio's intentional failure, since at least 2009 and continuing to the present, to provide necessary Spanish language-assistance services for Latino LEP prisoners and to adequately supervise and train their detention officers.
- 118. MCSO and Arpaio failed to provide necessary Spanish language-assistance even though they know that Latino prisoners comprise the vast majority of LEP prisoners in MCSO jails.
- 119. MCSO is aware of what is necessary to provide meaningful LEP services in the correctional context.
- 120. In a June 14, 2010 Position Statement outlining its policies, MCSO noted the importance of providing language assistance to Latino LEP prisoners, stating that such assistance is "essential to the overall operation of the jails and the safety of the prisoners and officers."
- 121. MCSO is aware of the discriminatory treatment of Latino LEP prisoners in its jails; yet, it allows the jails to continue to operate in a discriminatory manner and fails to take basic, well-established measures to address and correct these matters.
- 122. MCSO does not have a written plan in place that addresses how it will provide language assistance to prisoners (nor does it have a plan for addressing language assistance in its police work). The absence of a plan is intentional: the June 14, 2010 Position Statement notes that "MCSO does not have a formal written language assistance plan." Although MCSO contends that this gives MCSO detention officers flexibility to address inmate language requirements, the absence of a written

plan allows the ad hoc, inconsistent, and discriminatory treatment of Latino LEP prisoners to occur.

- 123. MCSO's failure to provide language assistance means that Latino LEP prisoners are denied the services, programs, and activities that MCSO makes available to non-LEP prisoners.
- 124. Latino LEP prisoners are penalized by MCSO detention officers for not submitting forms written in English.
- 125. MCSO detention officers routinely have refused to accept grievance forms or prisoner request orders ("tank orders") written in Spanish. Grievance forms provide the means for prisoners to report misconduct by a detention officer. Tank orders provide the means for prisoners to request basic daily services, religious materials, legal research, or information—such as court dates, and other important information.
- 126. For example, female Latino LEP prisoners have been denied basic sanitary items. In some instances, female Latino LEP prisoners have been forced to remain with sheets or pants soiled from menstruation because of MCSO's failure to ensure that detention officers provide language assistance in such circumstances.
  - 127. MCSO detention officers routinely issue commands only in English.
- 128. In some instances, when a Latino LEP prisoner has been unable to understand commands given in English, MCSO detention officers have put an entire area of the jail in lockdown—effectively preventing all the prisoners in that area from accessing a number of privileges because of the Latino LEP prisoner's inability to understand English, inciting hostility toward the LEP prisoner, and potentially placing MCSO officers and other prisoners in harm's way.
- 129. In other instances, MCSO detention officers have put Latino LEP prisoners in solitary confinement for extended periods of time because of their inability to understand and thus follow a command given in English.

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- MCSO detention officers routinely make announcements only in English. Some of these are basic announcements informing prisoners, among other things, when it is time for them to go outdoors, receive clothing, or eat.
- 131. MCSO detention officers use MCSO's institutional failure to provide language assistance to take advantage of Latino LEP prisoners.
- 132. For example, MCSO detention officers have pressured Latino LEP prisoners to sign "voluntary return" forms without proper language assistance. Once signed, these forms oblige foreign nationals to give up any right to have an immigration hearing, challenge their removal from the United States, speak with an attorney, or otherwise seek a determination permitting them to stay in the United States. Latino LEP prisoners have been compelled by MCSO detention officers to sign this form even when they have pending proceedings that may authorize their continued stay in the United States.
- 133. MCSO detention officers have used Spanish-speaking prisoners to interpret for them in non-exigent circumstances, but MCSO makes no determination whether these prisoners have the language competency to interpret.
- 134. The use of inmate interpreters risks not only inaccuracy, but also may give the inmate-interpreter access to personal or private information of the LEP inmate and presents a security and safety risk in a detention setting.
- 135. Detention officers have received little training or guidance from command staff with regard to providing language assistance to Latino LEP prisoners.
- MCSO does not have in place any meaningful system to record or use the language proficiency of its detention officers. Although MCSO has noted that it created a "Foreign Language Skills Roster," which listed the names of detention officers who self-identified as speaking languages other than English, MCSO has neither assessed the ability of these detention officers to interpret or translate nor provided them with training to provide language services.

137. The absence of these critical components of a language assistance program is a substantial departure from generally accepted correctional standards.

## III. MCSO Has Retaliated against Perceived Critics of Its Practices in Violation of the First Amendment

- 138. Since at least 2006 and continuing to the present, in violation of the First Amendment, MCSO and Arpaio have retaliated against critics of MCSO practices, and particularly MCSO's immigration practices, in an effort to punish these persons for their criticism and to prevent future criticism.
- 139. As recounted below, the filing of unsubstantiated complaints and lawsuits demonstrates the pattern or practice of retaliation for protected speech activity.
- 140. The former Chief Deputy, acting on behalf of MCSO and Arpaio, filed five separate complaints with the Arizona State Bar targeting attorneys who spoke out publicly against MCSO and Arpaio. Each of these complaints was dismissed for lack of facts or evidence sufficient to support even the initiation of an investigation.
- 141. The former Chief Deputy, acting on behalf of MCSO and Arpaio, filed four complaints with the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct targeting judges who had either made public statements critical of MCSO or had issued decisions that Arpaio or MCSO command staff disliked. Each of these complaints was dismissed for lack of facts or evidence to support opening an investigation.
- 142. Acting in concert with the former Chief Deputy, Arpaio, and MCSO, a former Maricopa County Attorney filed a lawsuit accusing people who had publicly criticized MCSO of conspiracy in a criminal enterprise. Arpaio participated as a named plaintiff in the lawsuit and substantially contributed to its filing. This case was soon abandoned as unjustified and the responsible attorneys, including former Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas and two of his assistant attorneys, were subsequently charged by the Arizona State Bar for having violated the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct by bringing the lawsuit.

- 143. On April 10, 2012, former Maricopa County Attorney Thomas and his two assistant attorneys were found guilty of the ethics charges. Thomas announced that he was not appealing his disbarment.
- 144. MCSO and Arpaio also have used arrests as a means to intimidate and retaliate against persons who have spoken out against their immigration practices. The Opinion and Order in the Thomas ethics matter found, for example: "Sheriff Arpaio, through Chief Deputy Hendershott, closing their eyes to his Constitutional rights, ordered Mr. Stapley [an Arpaio critic] arrested. They never filed any documents or charges but instead surreptitiously videotaped his arrest, and held him in jail for hours. Testimony at the disbarment hearing revealed that no one ever filed anything against Mr. Stapley regarding this event, but the press was called and informed that Mr. Stapley had been arrested."
- Arpaio critics by Arpaio, Thomas and others as "a concerted effort ... to wrestle power from [Maricopa County Board of Supervisors], County officials, and Superior Court judges, and to instill fear in the hearts of those who would resist." The Opinion and Order concluded that this effort culminated in a "conspiracy" to indict a judge without cause: "Thomas and [assistant county attorney] Aubuchon quietly met with Arpaio and [former Chief Deputy] Hendershott behind closed doors. This shameful gathering had but one motive. The foursome met to conspire about how to muzzle their next most-feared nemesis. After much late-night intrigue by Thomas and Aubuchon, the conclave's results were revealed the following morning. On December 9th, Thomas and Aubuchon filed criminal charges against Presiding Criminal Judge Gary Donahoe without a shred of evidence that Donahoe had committed any crime." Judge Donahoe had done nothing more than issue a ruling adverse to MCSO and was perceived to be a critic of Arpaio.
- 146. Retaliation was not reserved for officials and judges in Maricopa County, but also extended to individuals perceived as critical of Arpaio and MCSO.

- 147. MCSO arrested a peaceful protestor for obstructing a thoroughfare during an act of civil disobedience. The protestor who has a long history of publicly criticizing MCSO immigration operations was released.
- 148. The protestor then went to observe the continuing protests. Although this critic of MCSO policies was observing the protest without participating, MCSO unlawfully arrested him when Arpaio, who is very familiar with this protestor, publicly suggested that he be arrested a second time. At the arraignment, the prosecuting attorney admitted that there had been no probable cause for the second arrest. The interim County Attorney later dismissed the charges stemming from the second arrest for lack of probable cause.
- 149. On repeated occasions, MCSO officers arrested persons who had expressed their disagreement with MCSO immigration policies during the course of County Board meetings by applauding. These arrests were unjustified, as the arrestees did not disrupt the meeting in any meaningful way. Indeed, the judge presiding over the trial of the arrestees found that the arresting MCSO deputy "believes it is his role to make uncomfortable anyone who express[es] views that disagree with the Sheriff" and that Arpaio's officers had "trampl[ed] on the First Amendment." The court acquitted the arrestees on its own motion at the close of the State's case.
- 150. Another critic of Arpaio was arrested for engaging in protected speech, and was subsequently acquitted. Despite the acquittal, Arpaio explicitly stated that "[i]n the same circumstance, he would be arrested again," making clear that retaliation, rather than legitimate law enforcement, motivates Arpaio's treatment of his critics.
- 151. These actions, taken by MCSO and Arpaio, have deterred and are likely to deter persons from engaging in protected speech.

### IV. MCSO Is a Recipient of Federal Financial Assistance

152. At all relevant times described in this Complaint, the Defendants have been and continue to be recipients of federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice, either directly or through another recipient of federal financial assistance.

- 153. The County has received grants from the DOJ Office of Justice Programs (OJP). MCSO has been and is a subrecipient of grants that the County has received from OJP. MCSO is also a subrecipient of grants from other recipients of federal financial assistance from OJP.
- 154. MCSO has received grants from the DOJ component Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).
- 155. MCSO participates in the DOJ Equitable Sharing Program, which is administered by the DOJ Criminal Division, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS).
- 156. As a condition of receiving federal financial assistance, the County, through its authorized representatives, certified that it agreed to comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI and the federal regulations implementing Title VI.
- 157. Title VI and its implementing regulations prohibit intentional discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in any of a grant recipient's or subrecipient's operations, and they prohibit methods of administration that have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination because of their race, color, or national origin, or have the effect of defeating or substantially impairing accomplishment of the objectives of the grant recipient's or subrecipient's operations with respect to individuals of a particular race, color, or national origin.
- 158. The assurances signed by the County bind subsequent recipients and subgrantees, including MCSO, to which the County disburses the funds. The County is responsible for ensuring that subsequent recipients and subgrantees comply with the requirements of Title VI and its implementing regulations.
- 159. As a condition of receiving federal financial assistance, MCSO, through its authorized representatives, including Arpaio, agreed to comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI and its implementing regulations.
- 160. On December 15, 2011, the United States notified the Defendants that they had failed to comply with Title VI, its implementing regulations, and related

contractual assurances, and that this lawsuit would follow if compliance could not be achieved by voluntary means.

- 161. Between December 15, 2011, and April 3, 2012, the United States sought to engage with the Defendants in an effort to achieve voluntary compliance with Title VI, its implementing regulations, and contractual assurances, as well as to resolve the other constitutional deficiencies identified in the December 15, 2011 letter. These efforts were unsuccessful.
- 162. The United States has determined that all administrative requirements have been exhausted and that securing compliance from the Defendants cannot be achieved by voluntary means. Accordingly, the United States has provided the Defendants' with a Notice of Intent to File Civil Action. <u>See</u> Exhibits A, B, and C.

#### **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

- 163. The United States is authorized under 42 U.S.C. § 14141(b) to seek declaratory and equitable relief to eliminate a pattern or practice of law enforcement officer conduct that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.
- 164. The United States is authorized under Title VI to seek declaratory and equitable relief and/or the termination of federal funds to ensure that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal funding on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

## DEFENDANTS' LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES VIOLATE 42 U.S.C. § 14141 AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT

- 165. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.
- 166. The Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf, including MCSO officers, have engaged in law enforcement practices, including traffic stops,

workplace raids, home raids, and jail operations, with the intent to discriminate against Latino persons in Maricopa County on the basis of their race, color, or national origin.

167. The discriminatory law enforcement practices engaged in by the Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf constitute a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives persons of rights protected by the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 14141(a).

### **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

## DEFENDANTS' SEARCHES, ARRESTS, AND DETENTIONS VIOLATE 42 U.S.C. § 14141 AND THE FOURTH AMENDMENT

- 168. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.
- 169. The Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf, including MCSO officers, have unreasonably searched, arrested, and detained numerous persons in Maricopa County, including searches and arrests without probable cause or reasonable suspicion.
- 170. The unreasonable searches, arrests, and detentions lacking probable cause or reasonable suspicion engaged in by the Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf constitute a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives persons of their rights under the Fourth Amendment, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 14141(a).

### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

### DEFENDANTS' TREATMENT OF LATINOS VIOLATES TITLE VI

- 171. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.
- 172. The Defendants received and continue to receive federal financial assistance for their programs and activities.

- 173. The Defendants have engaged in law enforcement practices that are unjustified and have an adverse disparate impact on Latinos.
- 174. The Defendants have engaged in law enforcement practices with the intent to discriminate against Latinos on the basis of their race, color, or national origin.
- 175. The Defendants' discriminatory law enforcement practices, and intentional discrimination, independently violate Title VI and the Title VI implementing regulations.

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

### DEFENDANTS' TREATMENT OF LATINO LEP PRISONERS VIOLATES TITLE VI

- 176. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.
- 177. The Defendants received and continue to receive federal financial assistance for their programs and activities.
- 178. The Defendants have excluded limited English proficient (LEP) Latino prisoners from participation in, denied LEP Latino prisoners the benefits of, and intentionally subjected LEP Latino prisoners to discrimination under Defendants' programs and activities relating to the operations of the Maricopa County jails on the basis of those persons' race, color, or national origin.
- 179. The Defendants' treatment of Latino LEP prisoners is unjustified and has an adverse disparate impact on Latinos.
- 180. The Defendants' discriminatory treatment of LEP individuals violates Title VI, and the Title VI implementing regulations.

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:

### DEFENDANTS' TREATMENT OF LATINOS VIOLATES THE TITLE VI ASSURANCES

181. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.

- 182. The Defendants signed contractual assurance agreements with the United States that all of their programs and activities would be conducted in compliance with all the requirements of Title VI and its implementing regulations.
- 183. The Defendants' intentional discrimination against Latinos and Latino LEP prisoners violates Title VI and its implementing regulations.
- 184. The Defendants' unjustified policing and jail practices that have an adverse disparate impact on Latinos and Latino LEP prisoners violate Title VI and its implementing regulations.
- 185. The Defendants therefore have violated their Title VI contractual assurances.

### **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF:**

### DEFENDANTS' RETALIATION AGAINST THEIR CRITICS VIOLATES 42 U.S.C. § 14141 AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

- 186. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-164, above.
- 187. The Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf, including MCSO officers, have retaliated against persons in Maricopa County on the basis of protected speech and thereby chilled future protected speech.
- 188. The retaliation against protected speech and the chilling of future protected speech engaged in by the Defendants, their agents, and persons acting on their behalf constitute a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives persons of their rights under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 14141(a).

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

- 189. WHEREFORE, the United States prays that the Court:
- 190. Declare that the Defendants have engaged in a pattern or practice of conduct by MCSO law enforcement officers that deprives persons of rights,

privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 14141(a);

- 191. Declare that the Defendants have excluded persons from participation in, denied persons the benefits of, or subjected persons to discrimination under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, in violation of Title VI;
- 192. Order the Defendants, their officers, agents, and employees to refrain from engaging in any of the predicate discriminatory acts forming the basis of the pattern or practice of unlawful conduct described herein;
- Order the Defendants, their officers, agents, and employees to adopt and implement policies, procedures, and mechanisms to remedy the pattern or practice of unlawful conduct described herein, and by specifically addressing, inter alia, the following areas: policies and training; non-discriminatory policing and jail operations; stops, searches, and arrests; response to crimes of sexual violence; posse operations; jail operations; supervision; misconduct complaint intake, investigation, and adjudication; retaliation; oversight and transparency; and community engagement; and
  - 194. Order such other relief as the interests of justice may require.

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### **EXHIBIT C**

### PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES ONLY

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, MARICOPA COUNTY, SHERIFF OF MARICOPA COUNTY, AND MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PREPARED BY UNITED STATES – 02/26/12

## PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL—FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES ONLY PROPOSED AGREEMENT PREPARED BY UNITED STATES – 02/26/12

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

INTER OF AMERICA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MARICOPA COUNTY, SHERIFF OF MARICOPA COUNTY, and MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Defendants.

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Maricopa County ("County"), the Sheriff of Maricopa County ("the Sheriff"), the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office ("MCSO" or "Sheriff's Office"), and the United States of America (collectively, "the Parties") enter into this agreement ("Agreement") with the goal of ensuring that police services are delivered to the people of Maricopa County in a manner that is effective and complies with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona. The Parties understand that public safety, constitutional policing, and the community's trust in its police force are interdependent and of equal importance. The full and sustained implementation of this Agreement is intended to protect the constitutional rights of all members of the community, improve the safety and security of the people of Maricopa County, and increase public confidence in the Sheriff's Office.

This Agreement requires the County, the Sheriff, and MCSO ("Defendants") to implement new policies, training, and practices throughout the Sheriff's Office, in the areas of: discriminatory policing; stops, searches, seizures, and arrests; use of force; volunteer posse operations; retaliation; jail operations; community engagement; and misconduct complaint intake, investigation, and adjudication. As part of the process to reform MCSO, the Defendants

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have agreed to the selection of a Monitor who will have the opportunity to review and approve all new guidelines and plans before their implementation by the MCSO. This Agreement also calls on the County to create an Office of Inspector General, which will ensure that MCSO is accountable to the people of Maricopa County by providing MCSO with sustained oversight and providing the community with the information necessary to accurately assess the policies, procedures, and practices of MCSO.

This Agreement further requires the County and the Sheriff's Office to demonstrate that the implementation of this Agreement has eliminated the practices and conditions that resulted in a pattern of constitutional violations and that Defendants have put in place the systems and oversight that will provide for the identification and correction of future problems. This Agreement requires measures that will assist the Parties and the community in determining whether: the unconstitutional conduct that led to the filing of this case has ceased; community trust in MCSO has increased; public safety has improved for all segments of the Maricopa County community; and gains will be sustained. This Agreement also calls for the development of a language assistance plan to ensure the constitutional and legal treatment of those who are limited English proficient. All new and revised policies, procedures, processes and training must be approved by the Monitor and the Department of Justice ("DOJ") prior to implementation.

Noting the general principle that settlements are to be encouraged, particularly settlements between government entities, and having considered the terms of the measures set forth herein, that the Defendants agree to undertake to remedy a pattern or practice of conduct by the command staff and deputies of MCSO, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Judgment shall be entered in this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions.

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## PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL—FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES ONLY PROPOSED AGREEMENT PREPARED BY UNITED STATES – 02/26/12

### **Definitions/Abbreviations**

- 1. The following terms and definitions shall apply to this Agreement:
  - a) "MCSO" means the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and its agents, deputies, detention officers, supervisors, employees (both sworn and unsworn), and posse volunteers.
  - b) "County" means Maricopa County, including its agents and employees.
  - c) "DOJ" means the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and its agents and employees.
  - d) "Court" means the United States District Judge for the District of Arizona presiding over this case.
  - e) "Arrest" means a seizure of greater scope or duration than an investigatory stop or detention. An arrest is lawful only when supported by probable cause.
  - f) "Auditable form" means a discrete and verifiable electronic or paper record of the relevant information maintained separately and independently of other forms maintained by MCSO, for the purpose of internal or external review and/or quality assurance.
  - g) "Bilingual" means a person with demonstrated proficiency in both spoken English and at least one other language.
  - h) "Boilerplate" means language that is stock and/or formulaic and fails to attest to the unique facts of an incident.
  - i) "Civilian Employee" means any non-sworn personnel employed by MCSO, on either a temporary or permanent basis, in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

- j) "Complainant" means any person, including a member of the public, MCSO deputy, detention officer, civilian employee or posse member, who makes a complaint against MCSO.
- k) "Complaint" means any allegation of improper conduct made by a member of the public or MCSO personnel regarding MCSO services, policy or procedure, or any claim for damages or criminal complaint that alleges dissatisfaction with or misconduct by MCSO personnel.
- l) "Computer Aided Dispatch" or "CAD" means the electronic system used by MCSO to track the actions of MCSO deputies on patrol.
- m) "Consent search" means a search in which a deputy requests permission to perform a search of a person, a person's vehicle, a person's residence, or a person's property. A deputy shall not coerce consent.
- n) "Demographic Category" or "demographic characteristic" means age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or the perception of age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- o) "Deputy" means any law enforcement officer employed by MCSO, including supervisors and cadets.
- p) "Direct 'In-Language' Communication" means monolingual communication in a language other than English between a bilingual employee and a limited English proficient ("LEP") person (e.g., Spanish to Spanish).

- q) "Discipline" means a personnel action for violation of any law, regulation, rule, or MCSO policy, including, but not limited to, an admonishment, written reprimand, suspension, demotion or termination.
- r) "Discriminatory Policing" means selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, including the selecting or rejecting of particular policing tactics or strategies, based on membership in a demographic category. Discriminatory policing does not include using a demographic category in any reliable suspect-specific description or for purposes of data collection.
- s) "District" refers to one of the seven police service areas of MCSO.
- t) "District Level Investigation" means the investigation of a misconduct complaint conducted by the Integrity Control Officer ("ICO") of the District to which the subject deputy is assigned, if the deputy is assigned to a District, or by the ICO of the subject deputy's supervisor, if the deputy is not assigned to a District.
- u) "ECW" means electronic control weapon, a weapon designed primarily to discharge electrical charges into a subject. TASERS are an example of an ECW.
- v) "Effective Date" means the day this Agreement is entered by the Court.
- w) "EIS" means Early Intervention System.
- x) "Exigent circumstances" means emergencies in which a reasonable person would believe that imminent death or bodily harm to a person or persons or the destruction of evidence is likely.
- y) "IA" means Internal Affairs, the MCSO unit charged with conducting internal and administrative investigations of MCSO deputies, agents, and employees.

- z) "Immigration-related offenses" means any civil or criminal offense in which immigration status is an element.
- aa) "Implement" or "implementation" means the development or putting into place of a policy or procedure, including the appropriate training of all relevant personnel, and the consistent and verified performance of that policy or procedure in actual practice.
- bb) "Include" or "Including" means "include or including, but not limited to."
- cc) "Interpretation" means the act of listening to a communication in one language (source language) and orally converting it into another language (target language), while retaining the same meaning.
- dd) "Interrogation" means any words or actions on the part of a deputy that the deputy knows or should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response from a suspect or information from a witness.
- ee) "Interview" includes questioning for the purpose of eliciting facts or information.
- ff) "Investigatory stop," "investigatory contact," or "investigatory detention" means a temporary restraint of a civilian by a law enforcement official, or a brief interaction between a law enforcement official and a civilian, during which the civilian does not feel free to leave. An investigatory stop, contact, or detention is lawful when supported by reasonable suspicion and narrowly tailored in scope and duration to the reasons supporting the actions taken by the law enforcement official. An investigatory stop or detention may involve a person on foot or using any mode of transportation.

- gg) "Language Access Unit" or "LAU" means the unit designated by MCSO to oversee all aspects of adherence to Title VI obligations related to language access, and led by a high-level supervisor who reports to the MCSO Headquarters Language Access Coordinator. hh) "Language Assistance" means the facilitation of communication with an LEP individual using one of five designated methods, namely, interpretation, translation, direct "inlanguage" communication, telephonic interpretation, or sight translation in order to enable LEP individuals to communicate effectively with MCSO and to provide LEP individuals with meaningful access to, and an equal opportunity to participate fully in MCSO's services, activities, and other benefits and programs.
- ii) "LEP" means Limited English Proficient, and refers to a person who does not speak English as his/her primary language and has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. LEP individuals may be competent in certain types of communication (e.g., speaking or understanding), but still be LEP for other purposes (e.g., reading or writing). Similarly, LEP designations are context-specific: an individual may possess sufficient English language skills to function in one setting, but these skills may be insufficient in other situations.
- jj) "MCSO Bilingual Staff" means bilingual MCSO employees with primary duties unrelated to interpretation but who have demonstrated proficiency in English and other language(s), trained on interpretation, ethics, and correctional vocabulary skills, and are authorized to both interpret for others and engage in direct "in-language" communication. A self-identification of fluency in a language other than English is not sufficient to be designated as a MCSO bilingual staff member.

- kk) "MCSO personnel" or "MCSO employee" means all MCSO employees, contractors and volunteers, including command staff, deputies, detention officers, civilian employees and posse volunteers.
- ll) "Monitor" means a person or team of people who shall be selected to assess and report on the Defendants' implementation of this Agreement.
- mm) "MCSOAI" means MCSO Authorized Interpreter, a bilingual MCSO employee who has been authorized to interpret for others in certain situations, such as interviews, interrogations, or taking and responding to civilian complaints.
- nn) "MCSOAI List" means a list of MCSO personnel who are bilingual and are authorized to act as volunteer interpreters. MCSO will create and maintain the list and provide it to the MCSO 911 Communications Center.
- oo) "The National Incident Based Reporting System" (NIBRS) means the incident-based reporting system developed and maintained by the National Archive for Criminal Justice Data. For each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected about the incident. These data include the nature and types of specific offenses in the incident, characteristics of the victim(s), types and value of property stolen and recovered, and characteristics of persons arrested in connection with a crime incident.

  pp) "Non-disciplinary corrective action" refers to action other than discipline taken by a MCSO supervisor to enable or encourage a deputy or detention officer to improve his or her performance.
- qq) "OIG" means the Office of the Inspector General, a County agency tasked with providing oversight of MCSO policies and practices.

- rr) "PCAB" refers to the Police Community Advisory Board.
- ss) "Policies and Procedures" means written regulations or directives, regardless of the name of the regulation or directive, describing the duties, functions, and obligations of MCSO personnel, and providing specific direction in how to fulfill those duties, functions, or obligations. All policies and procedures should be available in hardcopy and electronically. tt) "Primary Language" means the individual's native language or the language in which an individual most effectively communicates.
- uu) "Probable cause" means reasonably trustworthy facts that, within the totality of the circumstances, lead a deputy to reasonably believe that an individual has committed or is committing a crime.
- vv) "Qualified Contract Interpreters/Translators" means a bilingual non-employee contractor who has demonstrated his or her competence to interpret or translate through a MCSO approved assessment.
- ww) "Reasonable Force" means that force which an ordinary, prudent and reasonable deputy placed in the same position with the same knowledge would find to be reasonable. In determining whether the force used by a deputy in effectuating an arrest was reasonable under the circumstances, factors to be considered are: (1) the known character of the arrestee; (2) the risks and dangers faced by the deputies and third parties; (3) the nature of the offense involved; (4) the chance of the arrestee's escape if the particular means are not employed; (5) the existence of alternative methods of arrest; (6) the physical size, strength, and weaponry of the deputies as compared to the arrestee; and (7) the exigency of the moment. Force that is not "reasonable" is "unreasonable."

- xx) "Reasonable suspicion" means articulable facts that, within the totality of the circumstances, lead a deputy to reasonably suspect that a criminal act has been or is about to be committed.
- yy) "Seizure" or "detention" means any restriction on the liberty interest of an individual. A seizure occurs when a deputy's words or actions convey to a reasonable person that he or she is not free to leave.
- zz) "Serious use of force" means: (1) uses of force by MCSO personnel that create a substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, disability or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ; (2) critical firearm discharges by MCSO personnel; (3) uses of force by MCSO personnel resulting in a significant injury, including a broken bone or an injury requiring hospitalization; (4) head, neck, and throat strikes; (5) neck holds; (6) uses of force by MCSO personnel resulting in a loss of consciousness; (7) other uses of force by MCSO personnel apparently resulting in death; (8) canine apprehensions; (9) more than two applications of an ECW on an individual during a single interaction, regardless of the mode or duration of the application, and whether the applications are by the same or different deputies, or ECW application for longer than 15 seconds, whether continuous or consecutive; and (10) strikes, blows, kicks, ECW applications, or similar uses of force against a restrained (see paragraph lll below) subject.
- aaa) "Shall" means that the provision imposes a mandatory duty.
- bbb) "Sheriff" means the current and future Sheriffs of MCSO.

- ccc) "Sight translation" means the oral rendering of written text or a document into spoken language by an interpreter without change in meaning based on a visual review of the original text or document.
- ddd) "Specialized operation" means any law enforcement operation involving eight or more MCSO personnel.
- eee) "Specialized unit" means a temporary or permanent organization of deputies within MCSO whose operational objectives are focused on a specific law enforcement purpose beyond general patrol or criminal investigations. Specialized units require enhanced training on police tactics, strategies, or techniques.
- fff) "Supervisor" means a sworn MCSO employee at the rank of sergeant or above (or anyone acting in those capacities) and non-sworn personnel with oversight responsibility for MCSO personnel.
- ggg) "Telephonic Interpretation Services" means real-time language service that enables speakers of different languages to communicate by telephone with the assistance of a network of operators and bilingual individuals via a three-way conference call. Telephone interpreters may or may not have the qualifications of a professional interpreter or one procured through a contract for in-person interpretation service.
- hhh) "Training" shall comport with best practices and include adult-learning methods that incorporate role-playing scenarios, interactive exercises, as well as traditional lecture formats. Training shall also include testing and/or writings that indicate that MCSO personnel taking the training comprehend the material taught.

- iii) "Translation" means the replacement of written text from one language (source language) with an equivalent written text in another language (target language).
- jjj) "Uniform Crime Reports" or "UCR" means the data issued by the FBI on an annual basis related to its efforts to collect, publish, and archive crime statistics in the United States. kkk) "Use of force" means any physical coercion, used to effect, influence, or persuade an individual to comply with an order from a deputy, above unresisted handcuffing, including unholstering a firearm.
- Ill) "Use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by a deputy" means that force which a reasonable and trained supervisor would conclude could result in criminal charges due to the apparent circumstances of the use of force, such as the level of force used as compared to the resistance encountered or discrepancies in the use of force as described by the deputy and any resulting injuries, witness statements, or other evidence. It includes, but is not limited to, all strikes, blows, kicks, ECW applications, or other similar uses of force against a restrained subject.
- mmm) "Use of Force Report" means a written report documenting all force used above unresisted handcuffing.
- nnn) "Vehicle stop" means any instance where a MCSO deputy directs a civilian operating a motor vehicle of any type to stop and the driver is detained for any length of time.
- ooo) "Vital document" means paper or electronic written material that contains information that is critical for accessing MCSO's program or activities, or is required by law. Vital documents may include the following: consent to search forms; witness and victim statement forms; citation forms; victim rights notification forms; civilian complaint forms; notices

advising LEP persons of free language assistance; rules, regulations, announcements, and notices posted in MCSO jails; and inmate request, order, visitation, grievance, and appeal forms used in MCSO jails.

#### I. BIAS-FREE POLICING AND DETENTION SERVICES

MCSO shall deliver police and detention services consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy, and this Agreement, and with best practices and current professional standards. In conducting its activities, MCSO shall ensure that members of the public receive equal protection of the law, without bias based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender, or other demographic category, and in a manner that promotes broad community engagement and confidence. To do so, MCSO must transform its training, policies, procedures, as they relate to all its law enforcement functions, including patrol, jail operations, and its specialized units and operations, including the Human Smuggling Unit and the Criminal Employment Squad. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

#### A. Policies and Procedures on Bias-Free Policing and Custody Services

2. MCSO shall apply and administer all programs, initiatives, and activities in a manner free of bias on the basis of demographic categories. MCSO shall eliminate discriminatory policing, including but not limited to the selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, the selection or rejection of particular policing tactics or strategies, or the selection of particular communities or geographic areas for targeted policing, in a manner that disadvantages individuals of a particular demographic category. MCSO shall further eliminate discriminatory

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treatment of inmates or such treatment that disadvantages inmates of a particular demographic category.

- 3. MCSO shall provide clear policies and guidance, in writing, on prohibited conduct, including examples of the types of activities that would constitute discriminatory policing or custody operations.
- 4. MCSO leadership and supervising deputies and detention officers shall unequivocally and consistently reinforce to subordinates that discriminatory policing and custody operations are unacceptable.
- 5. Deputies or detention officers who engage in discriminatory policing or custody operations will be subjected to administrative discipline and, where appropriate, referred for criminal prosecution. MCSO shall provide clear guidelines, in writing, regarding the disciplinary consequences for deputies or detention officers who engage in discriminatory policing.
- 6. Deputies shall take affirmative steps to prevent public perceptions of discriminatory policing, including but not limited to: 1) introducing themselves at the initiation of contact with a civilian; 2) stating the reason, as soon as practicable, for an investigatory stop or detention; 3) ensuring that an investigatory stop or detention is no longer than necessary; and 4) acting with professionalism and courtesy throughout their interactions with civilians.
- 7. Within 30 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall modify its Code of Conduct to prohibit MCSO employees from utilizing County property, such as County e-mail, in a manner which discriminates against anyone on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or sex.

- 8. MCSO shall ensure that it does not use or otherwise rely on any information collected from any hotline unless the information is credible and contains evidence of a crime.
- 9. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall ensure that all police vehicles are equipped with functional video and audio recording equipment, including but not limited to digital cameras, and shall commence regular operation and maintenance of such video and audio recording equipment. MCSO shall repair or replace all non-functioning video or audio recording equipment, as necessary for reliable functioning. MCSO shall ensure that recordings are captured, maintained, and reviewed regularly by supervisors, in addition to any review for investigatory or audit purposes, to assess the quality and appropriateness of police activities. Deputies who fail to activate their recording equipment or notify MCSO that their equipment is non-functioning shall be subject to discipline.
- 10. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall incorporate concrete requirements regarding bias-free policing, bias-free custody services, and equal protection into its hiring, promotion, and performance assessment policies and processes. These requirements shall give significant weight to an individual's documented history of bias-free policing or custody services, as well as use interviews and other methods to assess the individual's ability and willingness to effectively practice bias-free policing or custody services.
- 11. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a plan, including the development of a written policy, to provide all individuals within the County essential police services regardless of immigration status or language abilities. Such policy shall include the provision of police services to crime victims and witnesses regardless of whether

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such individuals decline to provide photo identification documents or other evidence of immigration status.

12. Within one year of the Effective Date, and at least annually thereafter, MCSO shall assess all MCSO programs, initiatives, and activities to ensure that no program, initiative, or activity is applied or administered in a biased manner. As part of its assessment, MCSO shall specifically include an assessment of use of force, motor vehicle and pedestrian stops, arrests, and the geographic deployment of specialized units. MCSO shall base its assessment of programs, initiatives, and activities on accurate, complete, and reliable data, including data contained in the Early Intervention System ("EIS"), stop and detention data, use of force analyses, and operations plans and after action reports.

### B. <u>Bias-Free Traffic Enforcement</u>

- 13. MCSO shall ensure that its Patrol Bureau engages in its traffic enforcement-related duties in a manner that promotes effective and constitutional law enforcement. In regards to routine traffic enforcement activities, MCSO shall ensure that deputies enforce traffic laws in a manner that guarantees that members of the public receive equal protection of the law, without bias based on demographic category, and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall implement the requirements below.
- 14. MCSO shall prohibit deputies engaged in traffic enforcement from relying in any fashion and to any degree on the actual or perceived demographic category of motorists or passengers in deciding which vehicles to subject to a motor vehicle stop; the scope or substance of any enforcement action in connection with a motor vehicle stop; or the procedures employed during

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the course of a motor vehicle stop. Deputies may take into account as *one factor* the demographic category of an individual where deputies are seeking to detain or apprehend one or more specific suspects who have been identified or described in part by demographic category.

- 15. MCSO policy shall provide specific guidance on forms of identification that may be presented by unlicensed drivers in satisfaction of Arizona law.
- 16. MCSO shall develop and implement policies and procedures that require deputies engaged in traffic enforcement to document every civilian encounter, including motorist assists, in accordance with the data collection requirements set forth in this Agreement. This documentation shall include the date, time, and location of the encounter; the reason for the encounter; the police actions taken during the encounter; any determination to pursue further investigation or actions as a result of the encounter; and any statements made by the civilian(s) involved in the encounter. Such data shall be memorialized in auditable form and through CAD.
- 17. MCSO shall provide guidance to Patrol Bureau supervisors to ensure that discriminatory policing does not take place. MCSO shall require that Patrol Bureau supervisors:
  - a) not engage in, ignore, or condone bias-based policing;
  - b) ensure that deputies under their command know and understand the content and application of bias-free policing policies and procedures;
  - c) monitor subordinate deputy compliance with bias-free policing policies procedures; and
  - d) intervene where they have reasonable belief that biased policing may be occurring. Such intervention may include informal counseling; disapproval of a stop, search or arrest; or referral for internal investigation.

#### C. Human Smuggling Unit Operations

- 18. MCSO shall develop and implement eligibility criteria and selection devices for assignment to specialized units that emphasize effectiveness, integrity, honesty, good judgment, and demonstrated capacity to carry out the mission of each specialized unit in a constitutional, lawful, and bias-free manner. These eligibility criteria and selection devices shall give significant weight to an individual's documented history of bias-free policing, as well as use interviews and other methods to assess the individual's ability and willingness to effectively practice bias-free policing. Deputies assigned to a specialized unit who are unable to maintain eligibility shall be removed from the specialized unit.
- 19. MCSO shall develop and implement policies and procedures that ensure that the Human Smuggling Unit ("HSU") operates effectively and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, and in a manner free of bias.
- 20. MCSO shall provide HSU supervisors with an additional 8 hours of comprehensive and interdisciplinary training on supervising law enforcement deputies engaged in sensitive and high-profile operations. As needed, HSU supervisors will also receive training and updates as required by changes in pertinent immigration law, Fourth Amendment law, and other areas.
- 21. MCSO shall require that HSU deputies attend roll-call meetings with their immediate supervisors at assigned duty stations before the initiation and conclusion of each shift.

  Immediate supervisors shall discuss and memorialize objectives and activity for each shift. In the course of these meetings, HSU supervisors shall unequivocally and consistently reinforce to HSU deputies that discriminatory law enforcement tactics are unacceptable.

- 22. MCSO shall articulate factors that may be considered in establishing reasonable suspicion when assessing whether property, a vehicle, or an individual is implicated in human smuggling. The articulated factors shall be drawn from the Constitution, federal laws, state laws, established legal precedent, and they shall be updated as necessary.
- 23. MCSO shall require HSU deputies to memorialize each and every civilian interaction, including motorist assists, through CAD and in keeping with the data collection requirements of this Agreement.
- 24. Neither HSU, nor any other MCSO unit or employee, shall initiate a stop for an observed infraction of Arizona State Code Title 28, Chapter 3 (Traffic and Vehicle Regulation) where the employee does not have reasonable suspicion of a criminal immigration violation and where the employee's objective is to conduct an immigration-related investigation.
- 25. Neither HSU, nor any other MCSO unit or employee, shall request consent to search a person or vehicle to develop evidence of a criminal immigration violation unless the employee has reasonable suspicion that the vehicle or person has evidence to support a criminal immigration violation.
  - a) The MCSO employee must obtain the knowing and signed consent of the vehicle's driver or owner prior to a consensual vehicle search or the person prior to a physical search.
  - b) The MCSO employee must include a written summary describing the reasonable suspicion used to support the request for consent with the signed consent to search form.
  - c) The MCSO may not use force, fraud or coercion to obtain consent.
  - d) The consent to search form and the summary describing the reasonable suspicion must be provided to the employee's supervisor at the end of the employee's shift.

- 26. MCSO shall prohibit the interrogation of any vehicle passenger during suspected human smuggling detentions unless a deputy has reasonable suspicion to believe that the specific passenger has violated the state human smuggling law or another state or federal law.
- 27. MCSO HSU policies shall state that an individual's unlawful presence in the United States, without more, does not provide deputies with reasonable suspicion that the person is or was involved in human smuggling for profit.
- 28. Whenever HSU members detain or seize an individual for committing an immigration related offense, they will submit an incident report in which they clearly identify the date, time, and location of the encounter, the reasonable suspicion that led to the detention/seizure, the police actions taken during the detention/seizure, any determination to pursue further investigation or actions as a result of the detention/seizure, and any statements made by the civilian(s) involved in the encounter. MCSO shall explicitly prohibit the use of boilerplate or conclusory language in HSU incident reports and stop, search, and seizure data documents. HSU deputies who routinely employ boilerplate or conclusory language shall be subject to disciplinary action. These incident reports shall be memorialized in auditable form and through CAD.
- 29. MCSO shall require HSU deputies to submit stop, search, and seizure data and incident reports at the conclusion of each shift. The data shall include the name, demographic category of each individual stopped including passengers, if contacted by HSU deputies.
- 30. HSU supervisors shall review HSU incident reports within 12 hours of receipt, absent exigent circumstances. MCSO will analyze stop data on a quarterly basis to ensure HSU deputies are not engaging in discriminatory policing practices.
- 31. MCSO shall prohibit the use of posse members in HSU operations.

32. To ensure compliance with the terms of this Agreement and the principles of constitutional policing, first-line HSU supervisors will directly supervise the law enforcement activities of new HSU members for eight weeks in the field, and directly supervise the in-the-field-activities of all HSU members for at least two weeks every year.

### D. <u>Criminal Employment Squad Operations</u>

- 33. MCSO shall develop and implement policies and procedures that ensure that the Criminal Employment Squad ("CES") operates in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, in a bias-free manner, and in accordance with best practices.
- 34. MCSO shall develop a set of detailed, written operating policies specific to the operations of CES. Those procedures shall require that CES deputies:
  - a) not prolong the detention of individuals to conduct immigration enforcement investigations under the pretense of executing a search warrant for documents and evidence of forgery;
  - b) not detain bystanders present at a location where a search warrant is executed for longer than reasonably necessary to secure the area;
  - c) not use or display more force than is necessary in the course of their operations;
  - d) not conduct their worksite raids in conjunction with Special Weapons and Tactics Units ("SWAT"), unless warranted by exigent circumstances; and
  - e) document the total number of those detained or seized in the course of an operation at an employment site, as well as the demographic category of each person detained or seized in the operation.
- 35. MCSO shall prohibit the use of posse members in CES operations.

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- 36. CES supervisors will review collected data to ensure operations are conducted in accordance with CES's operating procedures and this Agreement.
- 37. At least one CES supervisor will be present at CES employment operations to ensure compliance with CES's operation policies and other provisions of this Agreement.
- 38. MCSO shall provide all CES deputies and first-line supervisors with at least 16 hours of annual training on CES operating policies and procedures.
- 39. MCSO shall limit the deployment of SWAT to providing a properly calibrated response to critical situations where a tactical response is required, such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service and high-risk apprehension, and terrorism response. The policy shall prohibit SWAT and SWAT tactics from being deployed or used for routine patrol functions, worksite raids, or for the service of non-high-risk warrants, unless approved in writing by the MCSO Chief Deputy.
- 40. MCSO shall provide clear guidance, in writing, on what types of warrants are "high-risk," and what tactics are permissible for the service of high-risk warrants, including tactics that are not permissible for the service of non-high-risk warrants, and shall take steps to ensure that the CES, SWAT, and all deputies charged with serving warrants are aware of that guidance. Only SWAT shall serve high-risk warrants.

#### E. <u>Crime Suppression Operations</u>

41. MCSO crime suppression operations, which include single-unit saturation patrols and larger, multi-unit actions, shall be conducted in a bias-free manner that complies with the Constitution, other federal laws, this Agreement, and best practices.

- 42. MCSO shall develop policies and procedures to guide planning and execution of crime suppression operations. MCSO crime suppression operations policies shall require that:
  - a) justification documents detailing the justification and goals are drafted prior to any proposed crime suppression operations;
  - b) justification documents detail the site selection process, which shall be based on documented, formal analysis of relevant, reliable, and comparative crime data;
  - c) command staff review and approval of crime suppression operation plans;
  - d) crime suppression operation plans identify and provide specific operational directives for participating deputies, as well as detailed reports describing the significant events of the operation;
  - e) all participating deputies report to the operation command center for roll-call and briefing;
  - f) commanding deputies of a crime suppression operation conduct a briefing session for all participating deputies to detail the objectives and tactics of the operation;
  - g) participating deputies collect data following each civilian encounter, whether or not it results in a citation or arrest; and
  - h) participating deputies report to the operation command center at the conclusion of a crime suppression operation for debriefing and for submission of all collected data.
- 43. MCSO deputies shall not conduct warrantless searches of private residences unless exigent circumstances exist.

- 44. MCSO shall review crime suppression operations for effectiveness and to ensure that the tactics employed during the operation were in keeping with MCSO policy and this Agreement.

  MCSO's review of crime suppression operations shall include:
  - a) analysis of the number and rate of arrests for which there is documented reasonable suspicion for the stop and probable cause for the arrest, overall and broken down by geographic area; type of arrest; and demographic category;
  - b) analysis of the number and rate of searches which result in a finding of contraband, overall and broken down by geographic area; type of arrest; and demographic category.
  - c) assessment of stated objectives for the crime suppression operation and final results, including comparative analysis of crime statistics;
  - d) assessment of resource allocation during crime suppression operations; and
  - e) analysis of complaints lodged against deputies during or up to two weeks after a crime suppression operation;
- 45. MCSO shall prohibit the use of posse members during immigration related crime suppression operations.
- 46. MCSO shall hold at least one community outreach meeting within 30 days of a crime suppression operation within the boundaries of affected District(s). MCSO shall work with the Monitor and the PCAB to ensure that the community outreach meeting adequately communicates information regarding the objectives and results of the crime suppression operation. The community outreach meeting shall be advertised extensively, with both English and Spanish materials, in MCSO facilities, County facilities, public defender facilities, and on MCSO and County websites. The community outreach meeting shall be held within the boundaries of the

crime suppression operation District and at least one MCSO Chief and two Deputy Chiefs must be in attendance.

### F. <u>Language Assistance in Policing Operations</u>

- 47. MCSO shall establish a language access plan, policy, and set of procedures that articulate clear guidelines and protocols to ensure that all police personnel take reasonable steps to provide LEP persons with timely and meaningful access to police services. The policy, plan, and procedures shall be designed to ensure that LEP individuals do not encounter discrimination on account of their limited English proficiency or national origin when encountering MCSO personnel, and shall comply, at a minimum with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and other applicable law, best practices, and current professional standards. To achieve this outcome, MCSO shall adopt policing-related language access requirements that parallel the requirements set forth in part VII of this Agreement. In particular, MCSO's policing-related language access plan, policy, procedures and practices shall cover the following categories:
  - a) General Language Assistance (see VI.A);
  - b) Identification of LEP individuals (see VI.B);
  - c) Documentation of Language Needs (see VI.C);
  - d) Assessment of Police Personnel Competency to Provide Language Assistance (see VI.E);
  - e) Use of Arrestees or Community Members to Translate or Interpret (see VI.F);
  - f) Written Translations (see VI.G), including identifying official and vital documents that are subject to public dissemination, and requiring translation of such documents into, at a

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minimum, Spanish, and other languages spoken by more than 5% of individuals in Maricopa County;

- g) Oral Language Assistance (see VI.H), including interpretation protocols for interrogations and interviews of LEP individuals, such as requiring and ensuring the use of a qualified interpreter for the taking of any formal statement that could adversely affect a suspect or witness' legal rights;
- h) Telephonic Interpretation Services (see VI.N);
- i) Notification and Outreach (see VI.O), including translation of the language assistance plan and policy into Spanish and other languages as appropriate, distribution of the plan and policy to a variety of community organizations serving LEP individuals, and posting the English and translated versions in a public area of the MCSO facilities, on MCSO's web site, and in any other locations throughout the County where individuals go to seek police assistance;
- j) Complaint Procedures (see VI.P), including taking, responding to, and tracking civilian complaints and resolutions of complaints filed by LEP individuals;
- k) Supervisory Responsibility (see VI.Q);
- 1) Consultation and Monitoring (see VI.S);
- m) Retention of Records (see VI.T);
- n) Hiring Plans for MCSO Bilingual Staff based on demographic and service data, including a process for recruitment of qualified bilingual personnel to meet demonstrated service needs incorporating sustained and significant outreach to local and state-wide institutions and community organizations that can serve as the source of qualified bilingual applicants;

- o) Plan for proper deployment of MCSO Bilingual Staff based on demographic and service data, including maintaining a regularly updated list of bilingual MCSO Bilingual Staff by rank that all supervisors can access to ensure necessary day-to-day, shift-to-shift bilingual coverage.
- p) Language Assistance Requirements in 911 Call Center Operations, including rapid determination of LEP status, identification of primary language, priority of language assistance services to be used; and transmission of language needs information to radio dispatch.
- 48. MCSO shall distribute its police and jails language access plans, policies, and protocols to all personnel and provide at least eight hours training to all personnel on providing language assistance services to LEP individuals. Such training of all personnel shall be completed within one year of the Effective Date. This training shall include:
  - a) MCSO's LEP plan and policies, and the requirements of Title VI and this Agreement;
  - b) how to access MCSO-authorized, telephonic and in-person interpreters;
  - c) how to work with interpreters in the field;
  - d) cultural diversity and how to communicate with LEP individuals in scenarios commonly encountered by law enforcement and jails staff; and
  - e) basic command Spanish, for deputies assigned to HSU, CES, and Districts with 10% or more LEP populations.
- 49. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall designate a Headquarters Language Access Coordinator who shall coordinate and ensure MCSO's compliance with its language access plan as it relates to its law enforcement operations and jail facilities. The Headquarters

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Language Access Coordinator shall oversee both the police and jails Language Access Supervisors, and shall report to MCSO's Chief Deputy.

- 50. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a process of consultation with representatives of the LEP community to develop and at least annually review: implementation of the language access plan, including areas of possible collaboration to ensure its effectiveness; identification of additional languages that would be appropriate for translation of materials; accuracy and quality of MCSO language assistance services; and concerns, ideas, and strategies for ensuring language access.
- 51. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop a process for determining, on an ongoing basis, whether new documents, programs, services, and activities need to be made accessible for LEP individuals. As part of this process MCSO shall:
  - a) document the number of LEP persons encountered by MCSO and their primary language;
  - b) collect data regarding the number of times an interpreter has been used, listed by language and type of interpreter (telephonic or in-person);
  - c) document the number of MCSO Bilingual Staff who have been evaluated for language proficiency, by language, job title, and level of proficiency; and
  - d) document use of translators, vital documents translated, and languages into which vital documents are translated.

#### G. Public Meetings on Bias-Free Policies and Procedures

52. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, MCSO and the PCAB agree to hold public meetings detailing MCSO's bias-free policing policies and procedures and related rights of individuals who are stopped and questioned by deputies. MCSO and PCAB shall hold at least

one public meeting in every District every 180 days. Meetings shall not take place on MCSO premises.

- 53. MCSO shall ensure that a MCSO supervisor with extensive knowledge regarding biasrelated policies attends each meeting.
- 54. MCSO shall advertise the location and time of each meeting through postings, in English and in Spanish, at MCSO facilities, County facilities, MCSO's website, and in any other locations throughout the County where individuals go to seek police assistance. MCSO also shall distribute the posting to community organizations with which it is collaborating to effectuate this Agreement.
- 55. MCSO and PCAB shall develop a program related to MCSO's bias-free commitment and related policies to present at all Maricopa County public high schools. MCSO and PCAB shall develop materials, in English and in Spanish, detailing rights concerning improper law enforcement acts, rights of individuals regarding improper stops, searches, and other materials to disseminate during high school presentations.

### H. <u>Bias-Free Policing Training</u>

of comprehensive and interdisciplinary training on bias-free policing within 180 days of the Effective Date, and at least four hours annually thereafter, based on developments in Arizona or federal law and MCSO policy. Such training shall emphasize that discriminatory policing, including but not limited to the selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, the selection or rejection of particular policing tactics or strategies, or the selection of particular communities or geographic areas for targeted policing, in a manner that disadvantages people

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belonging to a particular demographic category, is prohibited by policy and will subject deputies to discipline. This training shall address:

- a) the protection of civil rights as a central part of the police mission and as essential to effective policing;
- b) constitutional and other legal requirements related to equal protection and unlawful discrimination, including the requirements of this Agreement;
- c) police and community perspectives related to discriminatory policing;
- d) the existence of arbitrary classifications, stereotypes, and implicit bias, and the impact that these may have on the decision-making and behavior of a deputy;
- e) methods and strategies for effective policing, including deputy decision-making at key decision points, which rely upon non-discriminatory factors;
- f) forms of identification that may be presented by unlicensed drivers in satisfaction of Arizona law;
- g) methods and strategies to reduce misunderstanding, conflict, and complaints due to perceived police bias or discrimination, including problem-oriented policing strategies; and
- h) instruction in the data collection protocols required by this Agreement.

### I. Performance Metrics for Bias-Related Policing Reforms

57. In order to ensure that MCSO's reforms related to bias-free policing are conducted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy and this Agreement, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions and the effectiveness of these reforms. To do so, the Monitor shall include an analysis of the following metrics and trends:

- a) a baseline survey of community members, MCSO employees, and detainees;
- b) changes in prevalence of complaints of biased policing by MCSO;
- c) deputy awareness and comprehension of issues addressed in training;
- d) MCSO collaboration with key state, private, and community-based organizations with expertise in serving individuals from specific demographic categories;
- e) traffic enforcement data as it relates to the demographic categories of motorists subject to MCSO action;
- f) deployment and use of all specialized units;
- g) execution of crime suppression operations, overall and by stated objectives; geographic area; type of tactics employed; and effectuating units;
- h) civilian complaints regarding specialized units and operations;
- i) complaints that are sustained and rate that are not sustained, overall and by type;
- i) geographic area; type of operation; effectuating unit; and demographic category; and
- k) disciplinary outcomes related to specialized units and operations.

### II. STOPS, SEARCHES, AND ARRESTS

MCSO shall ensure that all MCSO stops, searches, and arrests are conducted in accordance with the Constitution, and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy, and this Agreement and comports with best practices and current professional standards. MCSO shall ensure that investigatory stops, searches, and arrests are part of an effective overall crime prevention strategy and are consistent with community-oriented policing. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

#### A. Ban on Quotas

58. MCSO shall discontinue and prohibit any policy, procedure, directive, or practice, whether formal or informal, that provides supervisors or deputies with a quota for the stop, citation, search, or arrest of persons or property. This requirement shall not be construed to prohibit MCSO from recording, reviewing, or evaluating deputy activity and effectiveness.

#### B. Stops and Detentions

- 59. MCSO deputies shall conduct stops or detentions only where the deputy has reasonable suspicion that a person has been, is, or is about to be engaged in the commission of a crime.
- 60. MCSO shall develop written policies and procedures within 180 days of the Effective Date to ensure that investigatory stops and detentions related to the enforcement of immigration-related laws do not result in prolonged and unlawful detentions.
- 61. MCSO deputies shall utilize the CAD system to routinely and accurately report any investigatory contact with civilians, including civilian assists, as they occur. Deputies shall be required to record the exact location of each investigatory contact with civilians.
- 62. MCSO shall develop auditable forms for deputies to memorialize data related to investigatory stops or detentions. Deputies shall not use boilerplate or conclusory language in any reports documenting investigatory stops, detentions and searches. Articulation of reasonable suspicion and probable cause shall be specific and clear.
- 63. MCSO deputies shall not use any demographic category as a factor, to any degree, in establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause, except as part of a credible description of a specific suspect.

64. MCSO deputies shall continue to require reasonable suspicion to conduct field interviews, and document investigatory field contacts, including field interviews, in accordance with the stop and search data collection requirements of this Agreement.

#### C. Searches

- 65. MCSO shall develop written policies and procedures within 180 days of the Effective Date to ensure that searches related to the enforcement of immigration-related laws are not conducted in a manner that discriminates against the members of any demographic category and do not result in prolonged and unlawful detentions.
- 66. MCSO deputies shall not use any demographic category in exercising discretion to conduct a warrantless search or to seek a search warrant, except as part of a credible description of a specific suspect.
- 67. An affidavit or sworn declaration supporting an application for a search warrant shall provide an accurate, complete, and clear description of the offense, the place or thing to be searched, scope of the search, and time and method of the search.
- 68. Search warrants related to the investigation of a residential property suspected of being used for human smuggling or immigration-related offenses shall be narrowly-tailored consistent with constitutional and legal requirements. MCSO deputies shall not rely on such warrants to investigate surrounding properties.
- 69. A supervisor shall review each request for a search or arrest warrant, including each affidavit or declaration before it is filed by a deputy in support of a warrant application, for appropriateness, legality, and conformance with MCSO policy and this Agreement. The supervisor shall assess the information contained in the warrant application and supporting

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documents for authenticity, including an examination for boilerplate or conclusory language, inconsistent information, and lack of articulation of a legal basis for the warrant.

- 70. As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those warrant applications that are legally unsupported, are in violation of MCSO policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved deputy, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. The quality and accuracy of search warrants and supportive affidavits or declarations shall be taken into account in deputy performance evaluations.
- 71. MCSO deputies shall not detain bystanders present at the location where a search warrant is executed for longer than reasonably necessary to secure the area.
- 72. MCSO shall maintain centrally and in each MCSO District and specialized unit, a log listing each search warrant, the case file where a copy of such warrant is maintained, the deputy who applied for each warrant, and each supervisor who reviewed the application for a search warrant.

#### D. Arrests

- 73. MCSO shall develop written policies and procedures within 180 days of the Effective Date to ensure that arrests related to the enforcement of immigration-related laws are in compliance with the Constitution, federal and state law.
- 74. MCSO deputies shall only arrest an individual where the deputy has probable cause.

- 75. In effectuating an arrest, MCSO deputies shall not rely on information known to be materially false or incorrect. Deputies may not use any demographic category in deciding whom to arrest, except as part of a credible description of a specific suspect.
- 76. A deputy shall immediately notify a supervisor when effectuating an arrest for an immigration-related offense, including identity crimes, an arrest for obstructing or resisting a deputy, any disorderly conduct type arrest, or a custodial arrest for a vehicle infraction.
- 77. The responding supervisor shall approve or disapprove the deputy's arrest recommendation, based on the existence of probable cause, and compliance with MCSO policy and this Agreement. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in the deputy's arrest recommendation, including releasing the subject, recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved deputy, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation.
- 78. MCSO shall follow proper and timely consular notification procedures, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and guidance by the U.S. Department of State, following the arrest or detention of an individual who is a foreign national. MCSO shall ensure that arrested individuals who are foreign nationals receive proper and timely consular access, that consulates requiring direct notification are so notified, and that consular officials face no delays in accessing arrested individuals who are citizens of the countries they represent.
- 79. MCSO deputies shall complete all arrest reports before the end of shift. MCSO field supervisors shall review each arrest report of deputies under their command and shall memorialize their review in writing within 12 hours of the arrest, absent exceptional circumstances. Supervisors shall review reports and forms for boilerplate or conclusory

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language, inconsistent information, lack of articulation of the legal basis for the action, or other indicia that the information in the reports or forms is not authentic or correct.

- 80. As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of MCSO policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in making arrests, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved deputy, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation.
- 81. Supervisors shall use EIS to track each subordinate's violations or deficiencies and the corrective actions taken, in order to identify deputies needing repeated corrective action. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the deputy's performance evaluations. The quality of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. MCSO shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to conduct reviews of adequate and consistent quality.
- 82. A command-level official shall review, in writing, all supervisory reviews related to arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of MCSO policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The commander's review shall be completed within seven days of receiving the document reporting the event. The commander shall evaluate the corrective action and recommendations in the supervisor's written report and ensure that all appropriate corrective action is taken.

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### E. Stop and Search Data Collection and Review

- 83. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop a system to ensure that deputies collect data on all investigatory stops, searches, and motorist assists, whether or not they result in an arrest or issuance of a citation. This system shall allow for summarization and searches and also shall be integrated into EIS and shall require deputies to document the following:
  - a) the deputies' names and badge numbers;
  - b) date and time of the stop;
  - c) location of the stop;
  - d) duration of the stop;
  - e) subject's apparent demographic characteristics (including subject's surname);
  - f) reason for the stop, including a description of the facts creating reasonable suspicion;
  - g) if a vehicle stop, whether the driver or any passenger was required to exit the vehicle, and reason;
  - h) whether any individual was asked to consent to a search and whether such consent was given and what reasonable suspicion supported the request for consent to search;
  - i) whether a probable cause search was performed on any individual, including a description of the facts creating probable cause;
  - j) whether a pat-and-frisk or other search was performed on any individual, including a description of the facts justifying the pat-and-frisk or other search;
  - k) whether any contraband or evidence was seized from any individual, and nature of the contraband or evidence; and

- 1) disposition of the stop, including whether a citation was issued or an arrest made.
- 84. Deputies shall submit documentation of investigatory stops and detentions, and any searches resulting from or proximate to the stop or detention, to their supervisors by the end of the shift in which the police action occurred. Absent exceptional circumstances, within 12 hours of receiving a report on an investigatory stop and detention or search, a supervisor shall review the report and shall document: (1) those investigatory stops and detentions that appear unsupported by reasonable suspicion, (2) those searches that appear to be without legal justification; (3) stops or searches in violation of MCSO policy or this Agreement, or (4) stops or searches that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training.
- 85. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address all violations or deficiencies in investigatory stops or detention or executing a search, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved deputy, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. Supervisors shall use EIS to track each subordinate's violations or deficiencies investigatory stops or detention or executing a search and the corrective actions taken, in order to identify deputies needing repeated corrective action. Such information shall be provided to IA. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the deputy's performance evaluations. The quality and completeness of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. MCSO shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to conduct complete, thorough, and accurate reviews of deputies' investigatory detentions and searches.

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- 86. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop a protocol for comprehensive analysis, incorporating appropriate benchmarks for comparison, of the stop and search data collected.
- 87. MCSO shall ensure that all databases containing individual-specific data comply fully with federal and state privacy standards governing personally identifying information. MCSO shall develop a process to restrict database access to authorized, identified users who are accessing the information for a legitimate and identified purpose.

#### F. Stop, Search and Arrest Training

- 88. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall provide all deputies with no fewer than eight hours of comprehensive training on stops, searches and arrests, and at least two hours on an annual basis thereafter. The faculty for this training shall include competent legal instructors with significant experience litigating Fourth Amendment issues or law professors, from an accredited law school, with Fourth Amendment teaching or writing experience, and the instruction shall include:
  - a) Fourth Amendment and related law; MCSO policies, and the requirements of this Agreement regarding searches and seizures;
  - b) First Amendment and related law in the context of the rights of individuals to verbally dispute, observe, and record deputy conduct; and
  - c) the difference between various police contacts by the scope and level of police intrusion; between probable cause, reasonable suspicion and mere speculation; and voluntary consent from mere acquiescence to police authority;

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- d) the facts and circumstances that should be considered in initiating, conducting, terminating, and expanding an investigatory stop or detention;
- e) the legal requirements for conducting searches and executing arrests, with and without a warrant;
- f) the nature and scope of searches based on the level of permissible intrusion on an individual's privacy interests, including searches conducted pursuant to probation or parole release provisions;
- g) the procedures for executing searches, including handling, recording, and taking custody of seized property or evidence; and
- h) the nature and scope of searches incident to an arrest.

### G. Performance Metrics for Stop, Search and Arrest Reforms

- 89. In order to ensure that searches, seizures, and arrests by MCSO deputies are conducted in accordance with the Constitution, laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy and this Agreement, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions and the effectiveness of these reforms. To do so, the Monitor shall include an analysis of the following metrics and trends related to searches, seizures and arrests:
  - a) an annual traffic study measuring whether MCSO employees are engaged in racial profiling;
  - b) civilian complaints;
  - c) disciplinary/administrative outcomes;
  - d) deputies who have received multiple complaints;
  - e) criminal charges and tort claims:

- f) the number and rate of searches which result in a finding of contraband, overall and broken down by unit, shift, geographic area; type of arrest; and demographic category;
- g) the number and rate of arrests for which there is documented reasonable suspicion for the stop and probable cause for the arrest, overall and broken down by geographic area; type of arrest; and demographic category;
- h) the number and rate at which the County Attorney declines to prosecute arrests, courts suppress evidence, and cases result in not guilty verdicts; and
- i) qualitative reviews of supervisory reviews of search and arrest warrants.

#### III. USE OF FORCE

MCSO shall develop and implement use of force policy, training, and review mechanisms that ensure that force used by MCSO deputies is in accordance with the Constitution, laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy, and this Agreement, and is consistent with best practices and current professional standards. MCSO shall ensure that any potential unreasonable uses of force are identified promptly and responded to appropriately and expeditiously. MCSO shall also ensure that deputies use non-force techniques to effect compliance with police orders whenever feasible; use force only when strictly necessary; use force in a manner that avoids unnecessary injury to deputies and civilians; and de-escalate the use of force at the earliest reasonable moment. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

#### A. General Use of Force Policy

90. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement an agencywide use of force policy that complies with applicable law and comports with best practices and

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current professional standards. The comprehensive use of force policy shall include all force techniques, technologies, and weapons, both lethal force and less-lethal force, that are available to MCSO deputies, including standard-issue weapons that are made available to all deputies, weapons that are made available only to specialized units, and personal weapons carried on the job. The comprehensive use of force policy shall clearly define and describe each force option and the circumstances under which use of such force is appropriate.

## B. <u>Use of Force Reporting Policy</u>

- 91. MCSO shall develop and implement a single, uniform, reporting system pursuant to a Use of Force Reporting Policy and using a single, uniform, Use of Force Report. All deputies using or observing force above un-resisted handcuffing shall report in writing, before the end of shift, the use of force in a Use of Force Report. The Use of Force Report shall include: (1) a detailed account of the incident from the deputy's perspective; (2) the reason for the initial police presence; (3) a specific description of the acts that led to the use of force; (4) the level of resistance encountered; and (5) a description of every type of force used. The Use of Force Reporting Policy shall explicitly prohibit the use of boilerplate or conclusory language in all reports documenting use of force.
- 92. Each deputy on the scene of a use of force shall write a supplemental Use of Force Report, before the end of the shift, documenting the deputy's own actions and observations.
- 93. Deputies' Use of Force Reports (whether primary or supplemental) shall completely and accurately describe the use of force. Deputies shall be held strictly accountable for material omissions or inaccuracies in the Use of Force Report.

- 94. Deputies who use or observe force shall notify their supervisors immediately following any use of force or upon receipt of an allegation of unreasonable or unreported use of force by any deputy.
- 95. Deputies who use or observe force and fail to report it shall be held strictly accountable and may face discipline up to and including termination, regardless of whether the force was reasonable.
- 96. Use of Force Reports shall be maintained centrally by IA, and relevant force data shall be entered into a searchable, sortable database in a manner that will facilitate the analysis required by this Agreement.
- 97. At least bi-annually, MCSO shall analyze the year's force data, including the force-related outcome data collected pursuant to this Agreement, to determine significant trends; identify and correct deficiencies revealed by this analysis; and document its findings in a public report.
- 98. MCSO shall establish a single, uniform reporting and investigation/review system for all serious uses of force.
- 99. MCSO shall ensure that all serious uses of force, as the term is defined above, are investigated fully and fairly by individuals with appropriate expertise, independence and investigative skills to ensure that uses of force that are contrary to law or policy are identified and appropriately resolved; that policy, training, equipment, or tactical deficiencies related to the use of force are identified and corrected; and that investigations of sufficient quality are completed to ensure that deputies are held accountable and provided corrective training as necessary.

### C. <u>Use of Force Training</u>

- 100. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall provide all MCSO personnel who could be involved in the stop, search, or arrest of an individual with at least eight hours of use of force training, and four hours of use of force training on at least an annual basis thereafter, and additional training as necessary based on developments in applicable law and MCSO policy.

  MCSO shall coordinate and review all use of force policy and training to ensure quality, consistency, and compliance with the Constitution, federal law, MCSO policy and this Agreement. MCSO's use of force training shall include the following topics:
  - a) proper use of force decision-making;
  - b) use of force reporting requirements;
  - c) the Fourth Amendment and related law;
  - d) the Eighth Amendment and related law;
  - e) role-playing scenarios and interactive exercises that illustrate proper use of force decisionmaking, including training deputies on the importance and impact of ethical decision making and peer intervention;
  - f) the proper deployment and use of all intermediate weapons or technologies, including batons, chemical spray, canines, and ECWs;
  - g) de-escalation techniques that encourage deputies to make arrests without using force, and instruction that disengagement, area containment, surveillance, waiting out a subject, summoning reinforcements, calling in specialized units, or delaying arrest may be the appropriate response to a situation, even when the use of force would be legally justified;
  - h) threat assessment;

- i) basic crisis intervention and interacting with people with mental illnesses, including instruction by mental health practitioners and an emphasis on de-escalation strategies;
- j) factors to consider in initiating or continuing a pursuit; and
- k) appropriate training on conflict management;
- 101. Supervisors of all ranks, as part of their initial and annual in-service supervisory training, shall receive additional training in conducting use of force investigations; strategies for effectively directing deputies to minimize uses of force and to intervene effectively to prevent or stop unreasonable force; and supporting deputies who report unreasonable or unreported force, or who are retaliated against for using only reasonable force or attempting to prevent unreasonable force.
- 102. Included in the use of force training set out above MCSO shall deliver firearms training to all deputies within one year of the Effective Date and at least twice yearly thereafter. Any deputy who has failed to qualify shall not be permitted to possess a firearm as an MCSO deputy until he or she qualifies.

#### D. <u>Compliance Metrics for Use of Force Reforms</u>

- 103. In order to ensure that MCSO deputies use force in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, and this Agreement, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions and assess the effectiveness of MCSO use of force reforms. To do so, the Monitor's assessment shall include the following metrics and trends:
  - a) Consistency of use of force reporting;
  - b) deployment and use of all weapons or technologies, including firearms, batons, chemical agents, and ECWs;

- c) civilian complaints regarding use of force;
- d) rate of force complaints that are sustained and rate that are not sustained, overall and by force type; geographic area; type of arrest; effectuating unit shift; and demographic category;
- e) uses of force that are found to violate policy overall and by force type; geographic area; type of arrest; and demographic category;
- f) disciplinary/administrative outcomes related to use of force;
- g) number of deputies who frequently or repeatedly use force, or have more than one instance of force found to violate policy;
- h) deputies who have received multiple complaints regarding use of force;
- i) instances in which force investigations are returned for further investigation or for completeness; and
- j) administrative and criminal charges and tort claims related to use of force.

### IV. GENDER-BIASED POLICING

MCSO shall respond to and investigate reports involving allegations of sexual violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sex abuse, in a professional, timely, effective, and unbiased manner in accordance with the Constitution, and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy, and this Agreement, and with best practices and current professional standards. MCSO shall promptly and effectively respond to reports of sexual violence; investigate all reports of sexual violence assigned to it; appropriately classify reports of sexual violence; collaborate closely with community partners; and apply a trauma-informed victim-centered approach at every stage of its response. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following.

### A. Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence

- 104. MCSO shall clearly delineate in policy the respective duties of patrol deputies or other first responders, investigators, and supervisors, and provide clear and detailed guidelines for steps at each stage of MCSO's response to a report involving allegations of sexual violence and domestic violence, including dispatch response; initial deputy response; and on-scene and follow-up investigation. These guidelines must include requirements as to the time frames for each stage of MCSO's response, and incorporate best practices from the International Association of Chiefs of Police ("IACP") Violence Against Women Projects and the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations (Adults /Adolescents).
- 105. MCSO shall investigate cases and provide services to victims equitably regardless of demographic category or referring agency.
- 106. MCSO shall ensure that it has sufficient staffing across shifts and districts to ensure proper communication between MCSO and LEP sexual assault and domestic violence victims.
- 107. Patrol deputies or other first responders shall document all calls or other reports involving allegations of sexual violence and domestic violence, including the date and time of receipt of the reports, the means of communication of the reports, the deputies'/first responders' own observations, actions taken, and plans or observations regarding further investigation of the reports, and any statements of victims, witnesses, and reporting persons. Patrol deputies or other first responders shall immediately assess the risk to the safety of the victim of an incident of sexual assault or domestic violence, and attempt to contact the victim as soon as is practicable following the MCSO's receipt of the report of such incident, and within a time frame appropriate to the degree of risk. Patrol deputies or other first responders who are unable to meet or speak

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with a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence upon the first attempt to contact her or him shall make at least two additional attempts to contact the victim, using, to the extent possible, various means of communication, within 24 hours of the MCSO's receipt of the report of such incident, and shall document in writing such attempts, including the dates and times of each attempt, the means of communication employed, and the outcome of each attempt.

- 108. MCSO protocols for conducting initial and follow-up victim interviews shall reflect the special needs of victims who may be in crisis or suffering from trauma. MCSO follow-up interviews with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, each victim's stated preferences as to the means, timing, and location of communication between the victim and MCSO personnel.
- 109. MCSO shall provide clear and detailed guidelines for on-scene and follow-up investigation, including identifying, locating, and interviewing witnesses and suspects; collaborating with victim advocates; evidence collection, special procedures for drug-facilitated sexual assaults, and documentation. These guidelines must include requirements as to the time frames for each stage of MCSO's on-scene and follow-up investigation; these requirements must reflect the patrol deputy/first responder's assessment of the level of risk to the safety of the victim.
- 110. MCSO shall establish protocols for forensic examinations of victims and suspects, as well as evidence preservation and crime scene management, for the purpose of responding to radio calls of sexual assault or evaluating a sexual offense.
- 111. Deputies shall be informed about, and shall provide sexual assault or domestic violence victims with written referrals to, relevant available services, referrals, or other assistance.

- 112. MCSO shall, in cooperation with the Monitor and community partners, take affirmative steps to encourage and facilitate communication between sexual assault or domestic violence victims and MCSO deputies or other first responders, including but not limited to the following:
  - a) within 30 days of the Effective Date, develop and implement a policy of not requiring persons reporting sexual assault or domestic violence to provide any form of photo identification document to MCSO deputies or other first responders;
  - b) develop partnerships with community organizations serving victims of sexual assault or domestic violence, with the goal of facilitating reporting by victims and providing support services to victims working in cooperation with MCSO;
  - c) appoint deputies and support personnel to act as liaisons between MCSO and community organizations serving victims; and
  - d) Ensure that liaisons are culturally and linguistically competent to properly function as a liaison.
- 113. First-line supervisors of Special Victims Unit employees and other investigators handling crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence shall provide direct supervision of their subordinates by:
  - a) providing assistance and resources to deputies and investigators responding to felony sexual assaults;
  - b) building relationships with and enhancing cooperation with victim advocates and forensic examination programs, to both respond to and reduce the risk of sexual violence;
  - c) continually seeking and creating opportunities for training to enhance deputies'/first responders' and investigators' skills;

- d) closely reviewing investigative reports and dispositions;
- e) demonstrating a detailed understanding of issues confronting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, setting clear expectations of deputies/first responders and investigators regarding their treatment of victims, and demonstrating a proper law enforcement response to victims;
- f) incorporating victim interactions and services into subordinates' performance evaluations; and
- g) promptly following up on all investigative leads generated from Combined DNA Index System hits.
- 114. MCSO training on sexual assault and domestic violence shall be updated annually to reflect changes in policy, law, and developments in research.
- 115. MCSO shall provide comprehensive initial training for Special Victims Unit detectives and any investigators assigned to crimes of sexual assault, child abuse, or domestic violence, of no fewer than 16 hours, and at least eight hours of in-service training on at least an annual basis thereafter. This training shall include:
  - a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence, including issues related to response to trauma and delayed reporting;
  - b) overcoming the perceptions of false/unfounded allegations;
  - c) drug and alcohol-facilitated sexual assault or domestic violence;
  - d) skills-based training, including case reviews, victim evaluations of MCSO's response to reports of sexual assault and domestic violence, and/or taped mock victim interviews;
  - e) report-writing;

- f) discovery; and
- g) collection, preservation, and submission of evidence, including an assessment of evidence obtained from crime scenes and a determination, based on the history of the assault and the potential impact on the outcome of the investigation and on successful prosecution, of the evidence to be submitted for laboratory testing.
- 116. MCSO shall provide comprehensive initial and recruit training on responding to reports of sexual assault and domestic violence for patrol deputies and other first responders of no fewer than 12 hours, and ongoing annual in-service training of at least eight hours. Additionally, MCSO shall incorporate fact-based scenarios involving sexual violence into recruit and inservice training on topics such as general investigation, crime scene preservation, and report-writing. MCSO's general training on sexual violence shall include:
  - a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence, including issues related to response to trauma, reasons for delayed reporting by victims of sexual violence, and non-stranger sexual assault;
  - b) report writing, using the language of non-consensual sex;
  - c) victim interviewing;
  - d) initial assessment of victim, including recognition of post-traumatic stress syndrome; and
  - e) assessment and preservation of crime scene and evidence collection techniques.
- 117. MCSO shall train supervisors and investigators in the Special Victims Unit in the proper definitions and application of "unfounded," "false," "baseless," "exceptionally cleared," and "waived"/"waiver" classifications in the context of sexual violence. The immediate supervisor in the Special Victims Unit and the Unit commander shall closely review and approve in writing

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any decision to classify a report using one of these categories. MCSO shall track each of these conclusions separately and publicly report them on at least a bi-annual basis.

- 118. MCSO shall work cooperatively with the Monitor and community partners to develop all training described in this Section, with the purpose of enhancing MCSO's ability to respond to and thoroughly investigate reports of sexual assault and domestic violence using a bias-free and victim-centered approach.
- 119. MCSO shall separately track all reports of felony sexual assault, incorporating the most recent definitions of those offenses used in the Uniform Crime Reports ("UCR") and the National Incident Based Reporting System ("NIBRS") counts, and including those offenses that may not be included in current UCR and NIBRS counts, such as drug-facilitated sexual assault and sexual assaults involving persons with disabilities unable to consent. MCSO shall collect data on the final disposition of investigations involving sexual violence, including whether the pertinent local prosecutor charged the suspect, and if so, whether the case was eventually dismissed, pled, or tried.
- 120. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop a mechanism to select and permit a committee of representatives from state, private, and community-based organizations with expertise in issues of domestic violence and sexual assault in Maricopa County, including rape crisis and domestic violence advocates, service providers, and/or legal providers, to review, on a semi-annual basis: (a) sexual assault investigations disposed of as "unfounded," "exceptionally cleared," "waived," or similar terminology; (b) a random sample of open sexual assault investigations; (c) after the first year of this Agreement, reported sexual assaults placed in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category; and (d) the effectiveness and adequacy of MCSO

victim services. MCSO shall develop a protocol to ensure that feedback and recommendations from this committee is incorporated into policies, general training, remedial training for specific deputies or detectives, and decisions to re-examine and re-open investigations. This mechanism shall include appropriate safeguards to protect ongoing criminal or administrative investigations, confidential or privileged information, or personal information that is protected from disclosure by applicable laws.

### B. Performance Metrics for Gender-Biased Policing Reforms

- 121. In order to ensure that MCSO's bias related reforms are conducted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions and assess the effectiveness of these reforms. To do so, the Monitor shall conduct a reliable, comprehensive, and representative annual survey of individual members of the Maricopa County community, and interviews with state, private, and community-based organizations with expertise in issues of sexual assault and domestic violence in Maricopa County, regarding their experiences with and perceptions of MCSO's implementation of the improvements described in this section and of the safety of victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in the community. This comprehensive community survey shall include measures to ensure meaningful input from individuals of each demographic category represented in the Maricopa County community, including LEP individuals.
- 122. The Monitor's assessment shall include the following metrics and trends:
  - a) accurate classification of reports of sexual assault or domestic violence;
  - b) changes in prevalence of reports of sexual assault or domestic violence:

- c) resolutions of all reports of sexual assault and domestic violence received by MCSO, including the number of such reports that resulted in investigations, arrests, referrals for prosecution, and/or convictions;
- d) changes in number of reports of sexual assault or domestic violence that result in investigations, arrests, referrals for prosecution, and/or convictions;
- e) timelines showing MCSO's response times to reports of sexual violence both by deputies/first responders and SVU personnel by unit, district and victim's demographic category;
- f) the number of attempts made by MCSO to contact victims;
- g) the nature of the information and evidence gathered by MCSO including the quality of MCSO's reports and interviews with victims, witnesses and suspects;
- h) average length of sexual assault and domestic violence investigations until resolution;
- i) comprehensiveness of investigations of reports of sexual violence, particularly as compared to MCSO's investigations of other matters;
- j) police awareness and comprehension of issues addressed in training; and
- k) police collaboration with the committee described above and with other state, private, and community based organizations providing services to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence.

### V. <u>POSSE VOLUNTEERS</u>

MCSO shall provide posse members with the training and support necessary to ensure that they are productive members of an effective and constitutional police force. To achieve this outcome, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

- 123. MCSO shall ensure that all current and new posse volunteers are qualified to assist MCSO. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop standards of qualification for posse volunteers that shall reflect Arizona POST qualifications for sworn deputies.
- 124. MCSO shall disband and discontinue the operation of all immigration posses.
- 125. MCSO policies shall prohibit the participation of posse members in crime suppression operations, worksite raids, and immigration-related law enforcement activities.
- 126. MCSO shall require that all posse volunteers operate under the direct supervision of MCSO deputies.
- 127. MCSO shall require posse volunteers to report to their supervisor or internal affairs any misconduct that they observe or learn about. The presumptive penalty for failing to report misconduct is the permanent loss of posse privileges.
- 128. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall ensure that all posse volunteers receive 24 hours of initial training. Posse volunteer training shall include components related to:
  - a) bias-free policing;
  - b) community/problem solving policing;
  - c) ethics, including preventing and reporting misconduct and peer intervention;
  - d) report writing; and
  - e) recognizing, documenting, and responding to allegations of misconduct received in the field.
- 129. Posse members shall be prohibited from carrying or using any weapon (including firearms, batons, ECWs, and O.C. sprays) while working for or with MCSO unless they have

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been fully trained on use of force and fully qualified to use any weapon to be carried or used.

Full qualification for Posse members is the same as full qualification for sworn MCSO officers.

- 130. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a posse equipment policy. MCSO's posse equipment policy shall:
  - a) ensure that posse volunteer uniforms are clearly distinguishable from uniforms worn by
     MCSO sworn deputies;
  - b) ensure that vehicles used by posse volunteers during MCSO-sanctioned activities are clearly distinguishable from vehicles owned and operated by sworn deputies; and
  - c) establish guidelines allowing for the tracking of MCSO equipment issued to posse volunteers.
- 131. MCSO shall develop a Posse Volunteer Activity Log for use by volunteer posse members. Volunteer posse members shall be required to adequately memorialize MCSO sanctioned activity in the Log and submit the Log to a MCSO supervisor at the end of each shift.
- 132. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a performance evaluation system for posse volunteers. Posse volunteers shall be evaluated on a biannual basis by their immediate supervisor, and the evaluations shall be used to determine whether a posse volunteer shall continue to work with MCSO.

### A. Performance Metrics for Posse Volunteer Reforms

133. In order to ensure that MCSO's posse volunteer program is conducted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, and to assess the effectiveness of MCSO posse volunteer reforms, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in

implementing these provisions and the effectiveness of these reforms. To do so, the Monitor's assessment shall include the following metrics and trends:

- a) deployment and use of posse volunteers;
- b) civilian complaints regarding posse volunteers;
- c) rate of complaints that are sustained, overall and by type; geographic area; type of operation; effectuating unit; and demographic category;
- d) performance evaluations of posse volunteers;
- e) administrative and criminal charges and tort claims related to posse volunteers; and
- f) qualitative reviews of supervisory assessments of posse volunteers.

### VI. JAIL OPERATIONS

MCSO shall establish a language access plan, policy, and set of procedures that articulate clear guidelines and protocols to ensure that all personnel assigned to work in or for MCSO's jail facilities ("MCSO jail personnel") take reasonable steps to provide LEP persons with timely and meaningful access to all MCSO jail classes, programs, and other benefits and services. These guidelines shall be designed to ensure that MCSO jail personnel do not discriminate against LEP individuals because of their limited English proficiency or national origin or any other basis articulated in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. MCSO further shall ensure that all inmates are treated without bias based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, gender, or any other demographic category, and in accordance with the Constitution, laws of the United States and State of Arizona, MCSO policy and this Agreement, and with best practices and current professional standards. To achieve this outcome, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

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#### A. Language Assistance

- 134. MCSO jail personnel shall provide qualified, free, and timely language assistance to LEP individuals whom they encounter or whenever an LEP person requests language services. This obligation encompasses arrestees, inmates, visitors, family members, parents and guardians of juvenile inmates, as well as members of the general public. It is the responsibility of MCSO, and not the LEP person, to ensure that communication between the LEP person and MCSO is not impaired because the person is LEP.
- 135. MCSO shall develop and implement written policy consistent with Title VI and this Agreement.
- 136. MCSO shall create a LAU to handle all language access needs and oversee compliance with the MCSO language access policy and plan. The LAU's responsibilities shall include the following:
  - a) addressing all interpretation and translation needs raised by supervisors from MCSO jail units and departments;
  - b) overseeing contracts with telephonic interpretation companies;
  - c) overseeing contracts with interpretation and translation companies;
  - d) establishing and enforcing assessment and quality control standards for bilingual jail personnel, MCSO Authorized Interpreters ("MCSOAI"), and contract providers;
  - e) ensuring that capacity needs are met;
  - f) identifying, and working with appropriate officials to obtain, the technology and apparatus necessary to effectively execute the language access plan;

- g) monitoring facility, MCSO-wide, and county demographics so that language capacity keeps up with changing needs;
- h) ensuring optimal bilingual and MCSOAI staffing levels commensurate with language needs:
- i) designing training curricula and executing trainings, in conjunction with other personnel as required;
- j) designing logging, data entry, record keeping, and identification systems as discussed in the language access plan and herein; and
- k) establishing a complaint process to address complaints related to language services.
- 137. MCSO shall appoint a high-level supervisor to oversee the LAU. MCSO shall establish a reporting structure whereby the LAU and its supervisor report to the MCSO Headquarters Language Access Coordinator, who, in turn, reports directly to the Chief Deputy.
- 138. MCSO shall provide MCSO jail personnel, inmates, and members of the public (through its website and other means) contact information for the LAU and describe the duties of the LAU.
- 139. MCSO shall require that the LAU submit an annual report of any complaints submitted to the unit and steps taken to resolve any such complaints.

### B. <u>Identification of LEP Individuals</u>

140. All intake and other jail personnel who have contact with inmates or the public during the conduct of jail operations (including visitation) shall, upon initial contact, immediately determine whether an individual is LEP. Jail personnel shall use all necessary methods to ascertain LEP status, including asking open-ended questions requiring a narrative response. Where an

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individual is unable to provide a fluent narrative response in English, he or she shall be deemed LEP.

- 141. While determining and documenting LEP status and primary language of inmates is the responsibility of jail intake staff, all jail personnel are responsible for ensuring that language access needs are met. As such, all jail personnel shall be familiar with, and responsible for, identifying LEP individuals and updating/correcting LEP status and language needs.
- 142. All intake and other personnel who have made an initial determination that an individual is LEP shall avoid making assumptions about an inmate's primary language and should identify the LEP person's primary language using one or more of the following commonly-used methods, in order of priority:
  - a) Self-identification by the LEP individual (i.e., if the individual is able to communicate the language that he or she speaks);
  - b) Language identification cards (e.g., "I Speak Cards"), which invite LEP persons to identify their primary language. MCSO deputies and other employees who may have contact with LEP persons shall be provided access to language identification cards at intake, classification, transportation, and housing. An example of such a card from the U.S. Census Bureau is available on the internet at: <a href="https://www.lep.gov/ISpeakCards2004.pdf">www.lep.gov/ISpeakCards2004.pdf</a>;
  - c) Language identification posters, which invite LEP persons to identify their primary language. These posters shall be placed at the 4th Avenue Central Intake, in the 4th Avenue Holding Tanks next to the Language Access Policy, in the Holding Tanks at each of the housing facilities, in the Self-Surrender facility, in all visitation waiting areas, and at

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visitation counters. The information from such posters may be available through a telephonic interpretation service;

- d) Verification of language by MCSO bilingual jail personnel;
- e) Verification by MCSOAI; and
- f) Through use of a telephonic interpretation service.
- 143. MCSO shall make determinations of LEP status and primary language in a timely manner, to ensure that LEP individuals are not subject to longer processing times as compared to non-LEP inmates.
- 144. If an inmate has been identified as LEP and the primary language has been ascertained by an arresting agency, MCSO jail personnel at Central Intake will confirm the inmate's primary language.

### C. Documenting Language Needs

- 145. MCSO shall enter each individual's primary language in the Jail Management System database under the primary language field.
- 146. MCSO shall ensure that the inmate's primary language appears on all inmate rosters.
- 147. MCSO shall require intake deputies to write each individual's primary language on his or her Facility card. In addition, MCSO intake personnel shall identify the LEP inmate's primary language on the wristband used for inmate identification, so that deputies can read the inmate's language on the wristband.
- 148. MCSO shall require all jail personnel to review this process and update inmate language needs information if the inmate's primary language is missing or inaccurate.

## D. <u>Jail Personnel Access to Primary Language Information</u>

- 149. MCSO shall ensure that all jail personnel have access to the daily inmate rosters for those inmates with whom they may interact (housing rosters, transportation rosters, etc.).
- 150. MCSO shall ensure that jail personnel are trained to check the wristbands identifying LEP inmates to ensure that communication is occurring in the inmate's primary language.

### E. Assessment of Jail Personnel Competency to Perform Language Assistance

- 151. Jail personnel who self-identify as bilingual and agree to serve as interpreters and/or translators and those hired into the MCSOAI position shall demonstrate proficiency in and ability to communicate information accurately in both English and the other language. Proficiency requires knowledge of terminology (including special terminology used in the corrections context); vocabulary; accuracy; grammatical correctness; pronunciation; enunciation; intonation; attentive listening; information retention; ability to follow directions; the role of the interpreter (including confidentiality and conflict of interest); presentation and delivery; customer service skills; and professional demeanor. The LAU shall set a level of qualification based on these requirements and certify individuals who meet that level. Certified individuals will be deemed MCSO bilingual jail personnel or MCSOAI. MCSO shall retain all test scores and copies of certificates in employee personnel files.
- 152. MCSO shall create a list of certified bilingual jail personnel for distribution throughout its facilities. The list shall include the name of the individual, days and shifts that the individual works, the individual's duty station(s), and contact information. MCSO shall update the list at least once a month to reflect jail personnel member's decertification, personnel changes

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(including additions to the list, shift in duty station, change in shift worked, change in contact information, etc.), or other changes.

153. MCSO shall permit bilingual jail personnel members who wish to discontinue their designation as language service providers the opportunity to do so.

### F. <u>Use of Inmates to Translate or Interpret</u>

- 154. MCSO shall not use inmates to provide language assistance absent exigent circumstances or upon the express affirmative request of the LEP inmate. MCSO personnel shall not encourage inmates to use other inmates as translators.
- 155. MCSO shall document all uses of inmates as translators or interpreters, including a description of the circumstances of such use. Supervisors shall review each instance in which a subordinate used an inmate to provide language assistance, and submit documentation of these instances to the LAU for further review. The LAU supervisor shall determine if inmate use was appropriate under the circumstances.

#### **G.** Written Translations

- 156. The LAU shall be responsible for all translation needs, including:
  - a) identifying vital documents;
  - b) identifying and determining languages into which vital documents should be translated;
  - c) procuring qualified translators to accomplish translation of vital documents;
  - d) monitoring quality of translated documents;
  - e) enforcing protocols for accurate translation of documents;
  - f) reviewing complaints related to quality of translations;
  - g) distributing translated forms and documents; and

- h) ensuring that the supply of translated documents meets the demand.
- 157. MCSO shall use MCSO bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, or qualified contract translators for the translation of documents. MCSO shall ensure that the LAU documents the names of the forms that have been translated (including the version that was translated), translators' names, date of translation, and language of translation.
- 158. MCSO shall ensure that the LAU conducts periodic assessments, at least annually, to ensure that all vital documents are translated. At minimum, vital documents shall include the introductory paragraph of this Section, the Inmate Rules and Regulations ("Rules"), announcements of classes and programs, any additional rules and notices posted in the MCSO jails, Inmate Request Form (Tank Order), Inmate Medical Request Form (Medical Tank Order), Inmate Grievance Form, Institutional Grievance Appeal Form, External Grievance Appeal Form, Inmate Legal Services Request Form, Disciplinary Appeal Form, Inmate Visitation Form, and Canteen and Commissary offerings and order forms.
- 159. MCSO shall require a second translator to perform a "second check" on each translated vital document.
- 160. All vital documents shall be translated into Spanish and any other language rising to the level of 5% of MCSO's overall inmate population.
- 161. Any time a vital document is updated, MCSO shall issue that document simultaneously in English and Spanish and shall translate that document within 15 business days into any other required language.
- 162. The Rules shall be revised and translated to include the introductory paragraph to this Section.

- 163. MCSO shall ensure that inmates receive the Rules in the appropriate language. If an inmate's primary language is a language other than English or Spanish and the Rules are not available in that language, MCSO shall ensure that MCSO bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, or a qualified interpreter or translator conveys all of the key information contained in the Rules using sight translation. MCSO shall prepare, for this purpose, an English language document outlining the key information contained in the Rules. MCSO shall ensure that this sight translation occurs within 48 hours of an inmate's entering a housing facility.
- 164. MCSO shall post translated postings (such as visitation rules and other documents) alongside the English versions of those materials. MCSO shall ensure that vital documents are distributed to LEP inmates in their primary language as required.
- 165. MCSO shall instruct jail personnel that forms, requests, or any other document may be submitted by an inmate in the inmate's designated language. MCSO shall not reject forms and documents because of the language in which they are submitted, including in situations where an LEP inmate submits a form in English. MCSO shall instruct jail personnel to advise LEP inmates who submit forms in English that they have the option of submitting forms in their primary language.
- 166. MCSO shall ensure translation of all forms and other written documents submitted by inmates in Spanish during the shift submitted, or if submitted in the last four hours of a shift, by the end of the next shift. Forms or other written documents in other languages should be translated within 48 hours.
- 167. MCSO shall ensure that, upon receiving a form or written document in a language other than English, jail personnel will seek a MCSO bilingual officer or MCSOAI to translate the form

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or document as soon as possible within the shift submitted. If it is obvious that the form is not to be addressed by the housing detention officer on duty (e.g., Medical Inmate Request forms, Grievances, Library, Religious Services, etc.), the detention officer may forward the form without translating it.

168. MCSO shall ensure that any non-housing unit personnel in receipt of a form or written document in a language other than English complies with LEP policy and have the form or document translated within the shift in which it was received. Such personnel shall seek a MCSO bilingual officer or MCSOAI to translate. For grievance forms, the supervisor reviewing the form shall request a translation from a MCSOAI who does not supervise or work with any officer named in the grievance.

### H. <u>Oral language assistance for inmates</u>

- 169. MSCO shall ensure language services for each shift, through adequate staffing of all shifts with bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, and/or qualified contract interpreters, and/or by providing for immediate telephonic language assistance, or some combination of these measures. Adequate staffing presumes enough access to MCSO bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, qualified contract interpreters, and/or telephonic interpretation, such that detention officers do not need to use inmates or MCSO bilingual jail personnel from another house or housing unit to provide language assistance. Staffing needs and contract and telephonic interpretation capacity should be coordinated with the LAU.
- 170. MCSO shall ensure that all announcements in housing facilities, transportation, and escort are made in both English and Spanish. If available, an officer may use a pre-recorded announcement that is consistent with the English announcement. If a pre-recorded

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announcement is unavailable, MCSO must ensure that bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, qualified contract interpreters, or a telephonic interpretation service timely interprets the announcement in the non-English language. MCSO shall ensure that, at the beginning of each shift or as soon as practicable after the start of a shift, shift supervisors and detention officers assess the language needs of inmates in their charge and identify the necessary language assistance services in order to facilitate interpretation of all communication, including announcements, such as group announcements and those pertaining to rule modifications, visitors, or other matters.

- 171. MCSO shall ensure that transportation detention officers and deputies have radio or telephonic access to MCSO bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, and/or a telephonic interpretation service at all times.
- 172. MCSO shall implement specific shift procedures to facilitate oral language and other language assistance, including ensuring that:
  - a) shift supervisors, at the beginning of each shift, review inmate rosters to determine the language needs of inmates, and require detention officers on the shift to do the same;
  - b) shift supervisors inform detention officers at the beginning of each shift to immediately notify their supervisor in the event that the detention officer encounters an inmate whose language needs are not correctly identified in the roster and/or wristband;
  - c) shift supervisors, at the beginning of each shift, identify available bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, and/or qualified contract interpreters to assist with the language needs of LEP inmates during the shift. MCSO shall ensure that supervisors communicate to personnel on the shift the names of the individuals to be used for language needs during the shift.

- d) jail personnel on each shift have immediate access to a telephonic interpretation service if bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, or qualified contract interpreters are not immediately available to assist. Jail personnel shall be trained on obtaining immediate access to telephonic interpretation; and
- e) shift sergeants facilitate and supervise the transfer of tasks and duties as necessary in all instances where MCSO jail personnel are diverted to language assistance tasks.

### I. <u>Contacts of a Medical Nature</u>

173. For any contacts with LEP individuals of a medical nature, MCSO shall ensure that Correctional Health Services staff is immediately informed of any language assistance needs.

### J. Inmate Classes, Programs, and Other Services

174. MCSO shall ensure that inmate classes, services, and programs are available to LEP inmates at a frequency commensurate with the number of individuals who speak a given language in each housing unit. MCSO shall keep a record of all scheduled classes, services, and programs, and the language in which they were conducted, by having the housing officer document the event in the online journal system and by keeping attendance lists from all scheduled classes, services, and programs. A copy of attendance lists at non-English language offerings shall be provided to the LAU.

### K. Grievances

175. MCSO shall accept grievances and grievance appeals in any language, and ensure that they are addressed in a timely manner, regardless of the language in which the grievance was submitted. MCSO shall schedule and conduct grievance hearings with LEP inmates using a

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MCSOAI or a qualified contract interpreter. MCSO shall document the type of language assistance provided on all grievance-related reports, and provide this documentation to the LAU.

### L. <u>Disciplinary Action</u>

- 176. MCSO shall prohibit the practice of imposing pod restrictions and other inmate disciplinary or retaliatory measures because of a language access issue. If language barriers prevent an inmate from understanding instructions being provided to him or her, a detention officer may not discipline the pod, dorm, or the inmate for the lack of understanding.
- 177. For all communication relating to a disciplinary action, MCSO shall ensure that jail personnel use a MCSO bilingual officer, MCSOAI or telephonic interpretation. MCSO shall ensure that the method of language assistance provided is documented on all related reports.

### M. <u>Visitors</u>

- 178. MCSO shall provide all Spanish-speaking LEP visitors with language-appropriate visitation forms. MCSO shall ensure that jail personnel use a MCSO bilingual officer or MCSOAI to translate non-English language information on a visitation request form.
- 179. MCSO shall ensure that such translation occurs within a reasonable amount of time, giving consideration to LEP visitors who may lose visitation time because of translation delays.

  Under no circumstances shall an LEP visitor be turned away from visitation because either MCSO bilingual jail personnel or MCSOAI are unavailable to translate a form.
- 180. MCSO shall use telephonic interpretation services for visitors who speak a language for which no language-appropriate forms and/or timely translation services are available on-site, to permit the LEP visitor to orally convey the written information to the telephonic interpreter, who shall, in turn, interpret the visitor's statements to MCSO personnel.

- 181. MCSO shall post language identification posters in visitation waiting areas and counters.
- 182. Under no circumstances shall a minor child be used to interpret the communication between MCSO jail personnel and a visitor or inmate.
- 183. MCSO shall translate into Spanish the portions of its website that provide information relevant to family, friends, and visitors of inmates.

## N. <u>Telephonic Interpretation Services</u>

- 184. MCSO shall equip housing units, as well as other MCSO jail units and departments that interact with inmates, arrestees, and/or the public, with the apparatus necessary to obtain timely telephonic interpretation assistance.
- 185. MCSO shall set forth procedures to permit personnel to timely access telephonic interpretation assistance.
- 186. The LAU shall incorporate detailed training, with step-by-step instructions on accessing telephonic interpretation, into its language access training.
- 187. MCSO shall ensure that personnel using telephonic interpretation services submit appropriate documentation of the use of the service to his or her supervisor following completion of the call. The LAU shall maintain copies of all such documentation.
- 188. MCSO shall ensure that all shift supervisors log the use of telephonic interpretation at the end of each shift, and submit the log to their supervisors, with a copy to the LAU. The log shall include the name of the inmate for whom the interpretation service was used, the language in which the service was provided, the nature of the interaction, the duration of the call, and whether there were any problems using the service.

189. MCSO shall ensure that interactions interpreted through use of telephonic interpretation are accorded the same degree of confidentiality as in-person interactions. As such, communications of a confidential nature that are normally conducted outside the presence of other inmates or jail personnel, when conducted telephonically, shall involve the same degree of privacy (via dual handsets, a private room, or other methods).

### O. <u>Notification and Outreach</u>

190. MCSO shall post the introductory paragraph of this Section in English and Spanish side-by-side throughout MCSO facilities, including, but not limited to, the 4th Avenue Central Intake area, 4th Avenue Holding Tanks, Facility Holding Tanks, the Self Surrender Facility, Housing Facilities, Facility Lobby and Visitor Area, and on the MCSO website. MCSO also shall post language identification posters alongside the introductory paragraph postings.

### P. Complaint Procedures

- 191. MCSO shall set forth a language access complaint process in its LEP policy and plan.

  MCSO shall describe the language access complaint process in the Inmate Rules and

  Regulations, and post information about the complaint process prominently on its website.

  Language access complaints, including public complaints and inmate grievances, shall be

  directed to the LAU. The LAU shall log all complaints, contemplated next steps, individuals

  responsible for executing the steps, outcomes of investigation, and the response provided to the

  complaining party, together with the date on which the response was provided.
- 192. The LAU shall share personnel-related complaints with supervisors who oversee the personnel concerned. The LAU, together with the appropriate supervisor and other appropriate

parties, shall be involved in all aspects of investigating personnel-related language access complaints.

### Q. Supervisory Responsibility

193. MCSO supervisors are responsible for reviewing all logs, records, reports, and other data referenced in this section; overseeing jail personnel implementation of language access responsibilities; reviewing complaints related to subordinates' execution of language access duties; addressing deficiencies; raising any concerns with both the jail personnel concerned, the supervisor's own chain of command, and the LAU; and documenting in jail personnel performance evaluations any departures from the policy and plan and deficiencies in performance. Supervisors shall route all logs, records, reports, and other data referenced in this section to the LAU. Investigations and remedial measures related to deficient execution of language access responsibilities shall be carried out in conjunction with the LAU.

### R. Training

194. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, all MCSO jail personnel shall receive four hours of training on the provisions of this section, and the MCSO language access policy and plan including, training on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; identifying LEP status; identifying primary language; documenting, logging, and reporting requirements; accessing language assistance in various settings; ethical requirements of interpretation and translation; the duties and functions of the LAU; chains of command and reporting structures for language access functions; and cultural sensitivity and the provision of bias-free detention services. All new detention officers shall receive this information as part of their Academy Training and other

jail personnel as a part of any new employee orientation or training. Annually, all MCSO personnel shall receive two hours of language access training.

### S. Consultation, Monitoring, and Updating

- 195. MCSO shall develop a process of consultation with representatives of LEP communities, consular officials, the court system, law enforcement agencies, the school system (particularly programs dealing with English language learners and LEP parent communications), and representatives of inmates and detainees to include review of:
  - a) implementation of this plan, including areas of possible collaboration to assure its effectiveness;
  - b) annual assessment of LEP populations MCSO may encounter, with a view to determining whether MCSO should enhance or modify language access practices, provide system-wide access in additional languages, recruit additional bilingual jail personnel, MCSOAI, and contract interpreters and translators, and other matters as appropriate; and
  - c) concerns, ideas, and strategies for ensuring language access within the MCSO.

### T. Other General Provisions

196. MCSO shall comply in all respects with the nondiscrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. While Latino inmates comprise a significant percentage of MCSO's inmate population, MCSO shall not discriminate against indigenous, African American, Asian, Caucasian, or any other inmates on the bases of race, color, and national origin.

#### VII. SUPERVISION

MCSO and the County shall ensure that an adequate number of qualified first-line supervisors are deployed in the field to provide the close and effective supervision necessary to

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ensure that deputies are following the Constitution, laws of the United States and the State of Arizona, MCSO policy and this Agreement. First-line supervisors shall ensure that deputies are policing actively and effectively, are provided with the instruction necessary to correct mistakes, and are held accountable for misconduct. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

### A. <u>Duties of Supervisors</u>

- 197. MCSO supervisors shall, and shall be held accountable for, providing the close and effective supervision necessary to direct and guide deputies. Close and effective supervision requires that supervisors: respond to the scene of certain arrests; review each arrest report; respond to the scene of uses of force; investigate each use of force; confirm the accuracy and completeness of deputies' Daily Activity Reports; respond to each complaint of misconduct; ensure deputies are working actively to engage the community and increase public trust and safety; provide counseling, redirection, support to deputies as needed, and are held accountable for performing each of these duties.
- 198. Within 120 days of the Effective Date, all operational field deputies (including District patrol, task force, district investigative unit, and narcotics unit deputies) shall be assigned to a single, consistent, clearly identified supervisor. Supervisors shall be assigned to and shall actually work the same days and hours as the deputies they are assigned to supervise, absent unusual circumstances.
- 199. Within 120 days of the Effective Date, first-line field supervisors shall be assigned to supervise no more than six deputies. On-duty field supervisors shall be available throughout

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their shift to respond to the field to provide supervision to deputies under their direct command and, as needed, to provide supervisory assistance to other units.

- 200. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a program to identify and train acting field supervisors who can fill-in, on a temporary, as-needed basis, for assigned supervisors who are on vacation, in training, ill, or otherwise temporarily unavailable. MCSO shall ensure consistent supervision by acting supervisors for supervisors who are on extended leave, and shall reassign deputies to a new permanent non-acting supervisor when the currently assigned supervisor has been or is expected to be absent for longer than six weeks.
- 201. District Commanders and platoon lieutenants shall closely and effectively supervise the deputies under their command. All MCSO Commanders and supervisors shall that all supervisors and deputies under their command comply with MCSO policy, state and federal law, and the requirements of this Agreement.
- 202. MCSO shall hold commanders and supervisors directly accountable for the quality and effectiveness of their supervision, including whether commanders and supervisors identify and effectively respond to misconduct, as part of their performance evaluations and through non-disciplinary corrective action, or through the initiation of formal investigation and the disciplinary process, as appropriate.

## B. <u>Supervisor and Command Level Training</u>

203. MCSO shall develop and implement mandatory supervisory training for all new supervisors of no less than 16 hours, which shall be completed prior to assuming supervisory responsibilities or, for current MCSO supervisors, within 180 days of the Effective Date of this Agreement. In addition to this initial supervisory training, MCSO shall require each supervisor

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to complete at least 4 hours of supervisor-specific training annually thereafter. In-service training for supervisors, including commanders, shall provide necessary updates and refreshers, as well as training in new skills.

- 204. MCSO's supervisory training program shall include instruction in the following topics:
  - d) techniques for effectively guiding and directing deputies, and promoting effective and constitutional police practices;
  - e) de-escalating conflict, including peer intervention when necessary;
  - f) evaluation of written reports, including what constitutes a fact-based description, and how to identify conclusory, "canned," or perfunctory language that is not supported by specific facts;
  - g) investigating officer uses of force;
  - h) responding to and investigating allegations of officer misconduct;
  - i) operation of supervisory tools such as EIS, mobile recording equipment and AVL;
  - j) burdens of proof, interview techniques, and the factors to consider when evaluating officer, complainant or witness credibility, to ensure that investigative findings, conclusions, and recommendations are unbiased, uniform and legally appropriate;
  - k) evaluating officer performance as part of MCSO's annual performance evaluation system;
  - 1) building community partnerships and guiding deputies on same;
  - m) incorporating integrity-related data into COMSTAT reporting.

#### C. Early Identification System

205. MCSO shall develop, implement and maintain an EIS to support the effective supervision and management of MCSO deputies and employees, including the identification of and response

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to potentially problematic behaviors as early as possible. MCSO will regularly use EIS data to promote ethical and professional police practices; to manage risk and liability; and to evaluate the performance of MCSO employees across all ranks, units and shifts.

- 206. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall create a unit, which shall include at least one full-time-equivalent qualified information technology specialist, to facilitate the development, implementation, and maintenance of the EIS. MCSO shall ensure that there is sufficient additional staff to facilitate EIS data input and provide training and assistance to EIS users. This unit may be housed within IA.
- 207. MCSO shall develop and implement a protocol setting out which fields shall include historical data; deadlines for inputting data related to current and new information; and the individuals responsible for capturing and inputting data.
- 208. MCSO shall develop and implement a protocol for using the EIS and information obtained from it. The protocol for using the EIS shall address data storage, data retrieval, reporting, data analysis, pattern identification, identifying deputies for intervention, supervisory use, supervisory/agency intervention, documentation and audit. Among protocol requirements MCSO shall include:
  - a) comparative data analysis, including peer group analysis, to identify patterns of activity by individual deputies and groups of deputies;
  - b) MCSO commander and supervisor review, on a regular basis, but not less than bi-weekly, of EIS reports regarding each officer under the commander or supervisor's direct command and, at least quarterly, broader, pattern-based reports.

- c) MCSO commanders and supervisors to initiate, implement, and assess the effectiveness of interventions for individual deputies, supervisors, and units, based on assessment of the information contained in the EIS.
- d) require an array of intervention options to facilitate an effective response to identified problems. Interventions may take the form of counseling or training, or of other supervised, monitored, and documented action plans and strategies designed to modify activity. MCSO shall seek the services of mental health professionals and others to ensure that interventions are appropriate and effective. All interventions will be documented in writing and entered into the automated system;
- e) specify that the decision to order an intervention for an employee or group using EIS data shall include peer group analysis, including consideration of the nature of the employee's assignment, and not solely on the number or percentages of incidents in any category of information recorded in the EIS;
- f) prompt review by MCSO commanders and supervisors of the EIS system records of all deputies upon transfer to their supervision or command;
- g) evaluation of MCSO commanders and supervisors based on their appropriate use of the EIS to enhance effective and ethical policing and reduce risk; and
- h) mechanisms to ensure monitored and secure access to the EIS to ensure the integrity, proper use, and appropriate confidentiality of the data.
- 209. The EIS shall include a computerized relational database, which shall be used to collect, maintain, integrate, and retrieve:
  - a) all uses of force, including critical firearm discharges, both on-duty and off-duty;

- b) the number of ECW units in use and the number of canisters of chemical spray used by deputies;
- c) each canine officer's canine bite ratio;
- d) all injuries to persons in custody, including in-custody deaths;
- e) all instances in which force is used and a subject is charged with resisting an officer, interfering with a law enforcement investigation, disorderly conduct, or similar charges;
- f) all misconduct complaints (and their dispositions);
- g) data compiled under the stop data collection mechanism;
- h) all criminal proceedings initiated, as well as all civil or administrative claims filed with, and all civil lawsuits served upon, the County and/or its deputies or agents, resulting from MCSO operations or the actions of MCSO personnel;
- i) all judicial proceedings involving domestic disputes, including domestic violence, protective orders, divorce, or child custody;
- j) all vehicle pursuits and traffic collisions involving MCSO equipment;
- k) all loss or theft of MCSO property or equipment in the custody of the employee, including currency, firearms, force instruments, and identification cards;
- all arrests without probable cause or in which the individual was released from custody without formal charges being sought;
- m) all investigatory stops and/or searches found to be unsupported by reasonable suspicion or probable cause, as appropriate;
- n) all interviews or interrogations in violation of MCSO policy;

- o) all instances in which MCSO is informed by a prosecuting authority that a declination to prosecute any crime was based, in whole or in part, upon concerns about the credibility of an MCSO employee or that a motion to suppress evidence was granted on the grounds of a constitutional violation by an MCSO employee;
- p) all disciplinary action taken against employees;
- g) all non-disciplinary corrective action required of employees;
- r) all awards and commendations received by employees;
- s) training history, including firearm qualification and other weapon certifications, for each employee;
- t) sick leave usage; and
- u) bi-weekly supervisory observations of each employee under the supervisor's direct command.
- 210. The EIS shall include appropriate identifying information for each involved employee (i.e., name, badge number, shift and supervisor) and civilian (e.g., race, ethnicity, national origin and gender).
- 211. MCSO shall maintain computer hardware, including servers, terminals and other necessary equipment, in sufficient amount and in good working order to permit personnel, including supervisors and commanders, ready and secure access to the EIS system to permit timely input and review of EIS data as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.
- 212. MCSO shall maintain all personally identifiable information about an officer included in the EIS for at least five years following the officer's separation from the agency. Information

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necessary for aggregate statistical analysis will be maintained indefinitely in the EIS. On an ongoing basis, MCSO will enter information into the EIS in a timely, accurate, and complete manner, and shall maintain the data in a secure and confidential manner. No individual within MCSO shall have access to individually identifiable information that is maintained only within EIS and is about an officer not within that individual's direct command, except as necessary for investigative, technological, or auditing purposes.

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- 214. The EIS computer program and computer hardware will be operational, fully implemented, and be used in accordance with policies and protocols that incorporate the requirements of this Agreement within 365 days of the Effective Date. Prior to full implementation of the new EIS, MCSO will continue to use existing databases and resources to the fullest extent possible, to identify patterns of conduct by employees or groups of deputies.
- 215. MCSO will provide training to all employees, including deputies, supervisors and commanders regarding EIS prior to its implementation as required to facilitate proper understanding and use of the system. MCSO supervisors shall be trained in and required to use EIS to ensure that each supervisor has a complete and current understanding of the employees under the supervisor's command. Commanders and supervisors shall be trained in evaluating and making appropriate comparisons in order to identify any significant individual or group patterns. Following the initial implementation of the EIS, and as experience and the availability of new technology may warrant, MCSO may propose to add, subtract, or modify data tables and fields, modify the list of documents scanned or electronically attached, and add, subtract, or

modify standardized reports and queries. MCSO will submit all such proposals for review and approval of the Monitor and DOJ before implementation.

# VIII. MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT INTAKE, INVESTIGATION AND ADJUDICATION

MCSO and the County shall ensure that the people of Maricopa County are encouraged to report misconduct; all allegations of employee misconduct are received and fully and fairly investigated; all investigative findings are supported by a preponderance of the evidence and documented in writing; and that all employees who commit misconduct are held accountable pursuant to a disciplinary system that is fair and consistent. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO and the County shall develop and implement the following:

### A. Reporting Misconduct

216. MCSO shall require that all personnel report alleged or apparent misconduct by other MCSO personnel to a supervisor or directly to IA for review and investigation. Where apparent misconduct is reported to a supervisor, the supervisor shall immediately document and report this information to IA. Failure to report or document apparent misconduct or criminal behavior shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination. The presumptive discipline for a failure to report criminal behavior shall be termination.

#### B. Response to Internally Discovered Infractions

217. MCSO shall develop and establish protocols requiring supervisors to take appropriate disciplinary or non-disciplinary corrective action when the supervisor becomes aware of an infraction committed by a deputy that is not reported from outside MCSO and does not require an immediate IA notification (such as improper use of sick leave, improper attire, etc.). The

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infraction and the supervisor's response shall be reported to IA within five business days. IA shall review the report and supervisory response to determine whether additional investigation is required and to evaluate the imposed discipline or corrective action to determine whether the supervisory response was fair and consistent with MCSO disciplinary protocols.

### C. <u>Staffing, Selection and Training Requirements</u>

- 218. MCSO and the County shall ensure that a sufficient number of well-trained staff are assigned and available to complete and review thorough and timely misconduct investigations. MCSO and the County further shall ensure sufficient resources and equipment to conduct thorough and timely criminal and administrative misconduct investigations.
- 219. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall review the staffing of IA and ensure that individuals currently serving as or who are selected for IA possess excellent investigative skills, a reputation for integrity, the ability to write clear reports, and the ability to be fair and objective. Deputies with a sustained complaint of, or who have been disciplined for, excessive use of force, false arrest, unlawful search or seizure, sexual harassment, discrimination, or dishonesty shall be presumptively ineligible from assignment to IA.
- 220. Deputies shall be required to serve a rotation in IA to be eligible for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant or higher.
- 221. All personnel conducting MCSO deputy misconduct investigations, whether assigned to IA or elsewhere, shall receive at least eight hours of initial training in conducting deputy misconduct investigations within 180 days of the Effective Date, and shall receive at least four hours of in-service training each year. This training shall include instruction in:

- v) investigative skills, including proper interrogation and interview techniques; gathering and objectively analyzing evidence; surveillance; data and case management; the particular challenges of administrative police misconduct investigations, including identifying alleged misconduct that is not clearly stated in the complaint; properly weighing credibility of civilian witnesses against deputies; using objective evidence to resolve inconsistent statements; the proper application of the preponderance of the evidence standard; relevant state, local, and federal law, including state employment law related to deputies and the rights of public employees, as well as criminal law rules such as those set out in *Garrity v*. *New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967), and *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963).
- 222. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop a plan for conducting regular, targeted, and random integrity audit checks, or "sting" operations to identify and investigate deputies engaging in at-risk behavior, including: unlawful stops, searches, and/or seizures (including false arrests); discriminatory policing; failure to take a complaint; and failure to report misconduct or complaints.

#### D. <u>Complaint Information</u>

- 223. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, the County and MCSO shall develop and implement a program to ensure broad knowledge throughout the Maricopa County community about how to make misconduct complaints, and the availability of effective mechanisms for making misconduct complaints. The requirements below shall be incorporated into this program.
- 224. The County and MCSO shall make complaint forms and informational materials, including brochures and posters, available at appropriate government and non-government properties, including, MCSO headquarters, District stations, MCSO and County websites,

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libraries, and community centers. Individuals shall be able to submit misconduct complaints through the MCSO and County websites and these websites shall include complaint forms and information regarding how to file misconduct complaints.

- 225. At the locations listed above, MCSO shall post and maintain a permanent placard describing the external complaint process that includes relevant contact information, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, and Internet sites. MCSO will require all deputies to carry complaint forms, containing basic complaint information, in their agency vehicles at all times. Deputies shall also provide complaint forms and the deputy's name and badge number upon request. If an individual objects to a deputy's conduct, that deputy will inform the individual of his or her right to make a complaint and shall provide the complaint form, informational brochure, and the deputy's name and identification number. If the individual indicates that he or she would like to make a complaint, the deputy shall immediately inform his or her supervisor who will immediately respond to the scene.
- 226. Complaint forms and related informational materials shall be made available and posted in English and Spanish.

### E. <u>Complaint Intake, Classification, Assignment and Tracking</u>

227. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall revise its complaint intake policy and train all deputies and supervisors on it. The policy and training will provide complaint materials and information; the consequences for failing to take complaints; and strategies for turning complaints into positive police-civilian interactions.

- 228. The refusal to accept a misconduct complaint, discouraging the filing of a misconduct complaint, or providing false or misleading information about filing a misconduct complaint, shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.
- 229. MCSO shall accept all misconduct complaints, including anonymous and third-party complaints, for review and investigation. Complaints may be made in writing or verbally, in person or by mail, telephone (or TDD), facsimile, or electronic mail. Any LEP individual who wishes to file a complaint about MCSO personnel shall be provided with a complaint form in the appropriate language and such complaints will be investigated in accordance with the Agreement.
- 230. All deputies and employees who receive a misconduct complaint in the field shall immediately inform a supervisor of the misconduct complaint so that the supervisor can ensure proper intake of the complaint. All misconduct complaints received outside of IA shall be forwarded to IA before the end of the shift in which it was received.
- 231. MCSO shall ensure that allegations of deputy misconduct made by a Judge, that lead to the suppression of evidence, or that survive a motion to dismiss during criminal prosecutions or civil lawsuits are identified and investigated as misconduct complaints.
- 232. MCSO shall track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations that a deputy has in any way interfered with a civilian's First Amendment right to observe, record, and/or verbally comment on the performance of police duties, including by allegedly improperly detaining or arresting individuals for interfering with a law enforcement investigation, disorderly conduct, or similar charges.

- 233. MCSO shall track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations of discriminatory policing, along with demographic characteristics of the complainants. MCSO shall ensure that complaints of discriminatory policing are captured and tracked appropriately, even if the complainant does not specifically label the misconduct as such.
- 234. Within 180 days of the Effective date, IA shall develop and implement a centralized numbering and tracking system for all misconduct complaints. Upon the receipt of a complaint, IA shall promptly assign a unique numerical identifier to the complaint, which shall be provided to the complainant at the time the complaint is made. Where a misconduct complaint is received in the field, a supervisor shall obtain the unique numerical identifier and provide this identifier to the complainant.
- 235. MCSO's centralized numbering and tracking system shall maintain accurate and reliable data regarding the number, nature, and status of all misconduct complaints, from initial intake to final disposition, including investigation timeliness and notification to the complainant of the interim status and final disposition of the investigation. This system shall be used to determine the status of complaints and to confirm that a complaint was received, as well as for periodic assessment of compliance with MCSO policies and procedures and this Agreement, including requirements on the timeliness of administrative investigations.
- 236. Where a supervisor receives a misconduct complaint in the field alleging that misconduct has just occurred, the supervisor shall gather all relevant information and evidence and provide this information and evidence to IA. This information includes the names and contact information for all complainants and witnesses, the names of all MCSO deputies and employees on the scene at the time of the alleged misconduct, and any available physical evidence such as

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voluntarily provided video or audio recordings, or documentation of the existence of such recordings where the witness chooses not to provide the recording. The supervisor shall take photographs of apparent injuries or the absence thereof.

- 237. Within three business days of the receipt of a misconduct complaint, IA shall determine whether the complaint will be assigned to an Integrity Control Officer ("ICO") or supervisor for a District Level Investigation ("DLI") (depending upon the subject deputy's assignment), retained by IA for investigation, and whether it will be investigated criminally.
- 238. MCSO shall develop and implement a complaint classification protocol that is allegation-based rather than anticipated outcome-based to guide IA in determining where a complaint should be assigned. This complaint classification protocol shall ensure that IA investigates allegations including:
  - a) serious misconduct, including but not limited to: criminal misconduct; unreasonable use of force; discriminatory policing; false arrest or planting evidence; untruthfulness/false statements; unlawful search; retaliation; sexual misconduct; domestic violence; and theft;
  - b) misconduct implicating the conduct of the supervisory or command leadership of the subject deputy;
  - c) allegations that may be subject to significant media or community scrutiny; and
  - d) allegations that any commander requests be conducted by IA rather than the subject deputy's bureau.
- 239. Where MCSO or the County determines that an externally-generated complaint contains no allegations of misconduct the complaint shall receive a disposition of "exonerated" or

"unfounded" and include for tracking purposes an indication that it was a complaint regarding service or otherwise contained no allegations of misconduct.

240. A misconduct complaint investigation may not be conducted by any deputy who used force during the incident; whose conduct led to the injury of a person; who authorized the conduct that led to the reported incident or complaint; or who was on the scene of the incident leading to the allegation of misconduct.

### F. <u>Investigation Timeframe</u>

241. All administrative DLIs shall be completed within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint, including assignment, investigation, review, and final approval, unless granted an extension by IA, in which case the investigation shall be completed in 90 days. All administrative investigations conducted by IA shall be completed within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint, including assignment, investigation, review and final approval. Upon good cause shown in writing, the Chief Deputy can grant a 30 day extension. Any additional extensions must be authorized in 30 day intervals by the OIG. Where an allegation is sustained, MCSO shall have 30 days to determine and impose the appropriate discipline. All administrative investigations shall be subject to appropriate tolling periods as necessary to conduct a concurrent criminal investigation or as provided by law.

### G. <u>Collection of Evidence</u>

242. Investigations of deputy misconduct shall be as thorough as necessary to reach reliable and complete findings. The misconduct complaint investigator shall interview each complainant in person, absent extenuating circumstances, and this interview shall be recorded in its entirety, absent specific, documented objection by the complainant. A MCSOAI not involved in the

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underlying complaint will be used when taking statements or conducting interviews of any LEP complainant or witness. All deputies on the scene of an incident shall provide a written statement regarding the incident, even to state that they did not see or hear anything.

- 243. Where the alleged misconduct is particularly serious or information from a deputy or other witness may be necessary to resolve an allegation, the investigator shall conduct an inperson interview of the deputy or other witness. Each deputy, witness, and complainant shall be interviewed separately.
- 244. All deputy and civilian witness statements should be documented in their entirety, including any statement that the witness saw or heard nothing. All interviews should be recorded. All recordings shall be stored and maintained in a secure location within IA.
- 245. MCSO shall require deputies to cooperate with administrative investigations, including appearing for an interview when requested by a MCSO, County, or OIG investigator and providing all requested documents and evidence. Supervisors shall be notified when a deputy under their supervision is summoned as part of an administrative investigation and shall facilitate the deputy's appearance, absent extraordinary and documented circumstances.
- 246. The subject deputy shall not be compelled to provide a statement to administrative investigators where there is a potential criminal investigation or prosecution of the deputy, until the remainder of the investigation has been completed, and after consultation with the criminal investigative agency (e.g. County Attorney or U.S. Attorney's Office) and the IA commander. MCSO and the County Attorney's office shall develop and implement protocols to ensure that the criminal and administrative investigations are kept appropriately separate after a subject deputy has provided a compelled statement.

- 247. Nothing in this Agreement or MCSO policy shall hamper a deputy's obligation to provide a public safety statement regarding a work-related incident or activity. MCSO shall make clear that all deputy statements in incident reports, arrest reports, use of force reports and similar documents, and statements made in interviews such as those conducted in conjunction with MCSO's routine use of force review and investigation process, are part of each deputy's routine professional duties and are not compelled statements. Where a deputy believes that providing a verbal or written statement will be self-incriminating, the deputy shall affirmatively state this and shall not be compelled to provide a statement without prior consultation with the criminal investigative agency and the IA commander, and approval by the Sheriff.
- 248. If at any time during complaint intake or investigation the investigator determines that there may have been criminal conduct on the part of any MCSO personnel, the investigator shall immediately notify the IA commander. The IA commander shall notify the Sheriff, County Attorney's Office, and local FBI regarding the initiation of a criminal investigation. Where an allegation is investigated criminally, IA shall continue with the administrative investigation of the allegation, except that it may delay or decline to conduct an interview of the subject deputy or other witnesses until completion of the criminal investigation. At the completion of any criminal investigation, IA shall complete its administrative investigation and shall report its findings.

#### H. Analysis of Evidence

249. In each investigation, MCSO shall consider all relevant evidence including circumstantial, direct and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations based upon that evidence. There will be no automatic preference for a deputy's statement over a

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non-deputy's statement, nor will MCSO disregard a witness' statement merely because the witness has some connection to the complainant or because of any criminal history. MCSO shall make efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between witness statements.

- 250. A misconduct investigation shall not be closed simply because the complaint is withdrawn or the alleged victim is unwilling or unable to provide additional information beyond the initial complaint. In such instances, the investigation shall continue as necessary to determine whether the original allegation(s) can be resolved based on the evidence and investigatory procedures and techniques available. In each investigation, the fact that a complainant pled guilty or was found guilty of an offense will not be considered dispositive as to whether MCSO deputy committed the alleged misconduct, nor shall it justify discontinuing the investigation.
- 251. The misconduct investigator shall explicitly identify and recommend one of the following dispositions for each allegation of misconduct in an administrative investigation:
  - a) "Unfounded," where the investigator determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did not occur or did not involve the subject deputy;
  - b) "Sustained," where the investigator determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did occur;
  - c) "Not Sustained," where the investigator is unable to determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the alleged misconduct occurred; or
  - d) "Exonerated," where the investigator determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate MCSO policies, procedures, or training.

- 252. The IA commander shall accept the investigator's recommended disposition and the Sheriff shall approve the disposition, unless the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence or additional investigation is necessary to reach a reliable finding. Where the IA Commander or the Sheriff believes that the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence, the IA Commander or Sheriff may change the disposition or order additional investigation with a written explanation fully detailing the reasons for the change or request for additional investigation.
- 253. In addition to determining whether the deputy committed the alleged misconduct, administrative investigations shall assess and document, whether: (a) the police action was in compliance with training and legal standards; (b) the use of different tactics should or could have been employed to achieve a potentially better outcome; (c) the incident indicates a need for additional training, counseling or other non-disciplinary corrective measures; and (d) the incident suggests that MCSO should revise its policies, strategies, tactics, or training. This information shall be shared with the relevant commander(s) who shall document the commander's disagreement or agreement with these findings; refer any recommendations to the appropriate individual to implement the recommended change; document the implementation of these recommendations; and return the documentation to IA.

### I. <u>Integrity of Investigative File and Evidence</u>

254. Division/District Level investigation reports and all related documentation and evidence shall be provided both to IA and to the OIG within 24 hours of completion of the investigation.

255. All investigation reports and related documentation and evidence shall be securely maintained in a central and accessible location until every deputy who was a subject of the complaint has severed employment with MCSO.

#### J. Communication with Complainant

256. Each misconduct complainant shall be notified in writing of the initiation and will be kept informed periodically regarding the status of an investigation. The complainant will be notified of the outcome of the investigation, in writing, within ten business days of the completion of the investigation, including regarding whether any disciplinary or non-disciplinary action was taken.

### K. <u>Discipline Process and Transparency</u>

- 257. MCSO shall ensure that discipline for sustained allegations of misconduct is based on the nature of the allegation and defined, consistent, mitigating and aggravating factors, rather than the identity of the deputy or his or her status within MCSO or the broader community. MCSO and the County shall develop and implement procedures to ensure that discipline is fair and consistent including:
- 258. MCSO, in consultation with the County, shall develop a disciplinary matrix that:
  - a) establishes a presumptive range of discipline for each type of rule violation;
  - b) increases the presumptive discipline based upon the deputy's prior violations of the same or other rules;
  - c) sets out defined mitigating and aggravating factors;
  - d) requires that any departure from the presumptive range of discipline must be justified in writing;

- e) provides that MCSO shall take disciplinary corrective action in cases in which the disciplinary matrix calls for the imposition of discipline; and
- f) provides that MCSO shall consider whether non-disciplinary corrective action also is appropriate in a case where discipline has been imposed.
- 259. MCSO shall establish a unified system for reviewing sustained findings and assessing the appropriate level of discipline pursuant to MCSO's disciplinary matrix to facilitate consistency in the imposition of discipline. All disciplinary decisions shall be documented, including the rationale behind any decision to deviate from the level of discipline set out in the disciplinary matrix.
- 260. MCSO shall develop and establish written policies and procedures to ensure that the County Attorney's Office provides close guidance to MCSO at the disciplinary stage to ensure that MCSO's disciplinary decisions are as fair and legally defensible as possible.

#### L. <u>Annual Report</u>

261. IA shall include in its annual report a summary of each misconduct complaint, the final approved disposition, and any discipline imposed. IA's annual report shall also include aggregate misconduct complaint data showing the number of each type of complaint and the number and rate of sustained cases after final approval, and shall provide an analysis of this data that identifies trends and concerns and documents MCSO's response to the identified trends and concerns.

#### M. Performance Metrics for Complaint Process Reforms

262. In order to ensure that MCSO's supervision-related reforms are conducted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, and to assess the

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effectiveness of such reforms, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions.

- 263. In addition, the Monitor shall assess the effectiveness of the reforms described in this section, considering the following:
  - a) investigation timeliness;
  - b) notification to complainant of initiation, status, and final disposition of investigation;
  - c) number of misconduct complaints, with a qualitative assessment of whether any increase or decrease appears related to access to the complaint process, and assessment of where and when complaints are coming from, by geographic area, shift and demographic category;
  - d) number of internal misconduct complaints;
  - e) rate of sustained, not sustained, exonerated, and unfounded misconduct complaints;
  - f) number and rate of misconduct complaints in which the finding for each allegation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - g) number of deputies who are subjects of repeated misconduct complaints, or have repeated instances of sustained misconduct complaints;
  - h) arrests/summons of deputies for on- or off-duty conduct;
  - i) criminal prosecutions of deputies for on- or off-duty conduct;
  - j) number of civil suits against MCSO personnel and amount of County settlements and judgments for civil suits filed against MCSO personnel for on- or off-duty conduct; and
  - k) number and nature of civil suits against MCSO deputies regardless of whether the County is a defendant in the litigation.

#### IX. RETALIATION

MCSO shall ensure that its law enforcement activities do not infringe on the freedom of expression and speech of Maricopa County residents and visitors and MCSO personnel, as protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution and other federal laws. To achieve this outcome, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

### A. Anti-Retaliation Policies and Procedures

- 264. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement policies and procedures that expressly prohibit retaliation by MCSO personnel against other MCSO personnel, and residents and visitors to Maricopa County. The County and MCSO shall expressly prohibit all forms of retaliation targeting individuals who criticize the Sheriff or the policies and practices of MCSO, whether subtle or direct, including discouragement, intimidation, coercion, or adverse action.
- 265. MCSO anti-retaliation policies shall establish that the presumptive penalty for retaliation is termination.
- 266. The County and MCSO shall make complaint forms and informational materials, including brochures and posters, available at appropriate government properties, including, at a minimum, MCSO headquarters, District stations, MCSO and County websites, County facilities, Courthouses within Maricopa County, all public libraries, Public Defender facilities, and at the offices or gathering places of community groups. The County and MCSO shall make sure that all materials are available in English and Spanish. Individuals shall be able to submit retaliation complaints through the MCSO and County websites and these websites shall include complaint forms and information regarding how to file retaliation complaints.

### B. First Amendment Right to Observe and Record Deputy Conduct

- 267. MCSO shall ensure that onlookers or bystanders may witness, observe, record, and/or comment on law enforcement actions, including stops, detentions, searches, arrests, or uses of force, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona. Deputies shall respect the right of civilians to observe, record, and/or verbally comment on or complain about the performance of police duties occurring in public, and MCSO shall ensure that deputies understand that exercising this right serves important public purposes.
- 268. Individuals observing law enforcement actions shall be permitted to remain in the proximity of the incident unless their presence would jeopardize the safety of the deputy, the suspect, or others in the vicinity; the bystander violates the law; or the bystander incites others to violate the law.
- 269. Individuals shall be permitted to record law enforcement activities by camera, video recorder, cell phone recorder, or other means, unless their presence would jeopardize the safety of the deputy, the suspect, or others in the vicinity; the bystander violates the law; or the bystander incites others to violate the law.
- 270. Deputies shall not threaten, intimidate, or otherwise discourage an individual from remaining in the proximity of or recording law enforcement activities.
- 271. Deputies shall not detain, prolong the detention of, or arrest an individual for remaining in the proximity of, recording or verbally commenting on deputy conduct directed at the individual or a third party, unless their presence would jeopardize the safety of the deputy, the suspect, or others in the vicinity; the bystander violates the law; or the bystander incites others to violate the law.

272. Deputies shall not seize or otherwise coerce production of recorded sounds or images, without obtaining a warrant, absent exigent circumstances. Deputies shall never destroy or order an individual to destroy any recordings. Where a deputy has a reasonable belief that a bystander or witness has captured a recording of critical evidence related to a misdemeanor or felony crime, the deputy may secure such evidence for no longer than necessary to obtain a legal subpoena, search warrant, or other valid order.

### **C.** Performance Metrics for Retaliation Reforms

- 273. In order to ensure that MCSO's retaliation-related reforms are conducted in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and State of Arizona, and to assess the effectiveness of such reforms, the Monitor shall assess MCSO's progress in implementing these provisions.
- 274. The Monitor shall assess the effectiveness of the reforms described in this section, considering the following:
  - a) alleged incidents of retaliation that occurred or were investigated;
  - b) any discipline imposed for retaliation; and,
  - c) supervisors' performance in addressing and preventing retaliation.

# X. OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY

MCSO and the County shall develop, implement, and maintain systems to ensure effective, comprehensive, and transparent oversight of MCSO that will be sustained after the completion of this Agreement. These oversight systems shall ensure that improper incidents, practices, or trends are identified and corrected in an equitable and timely manner to facilitate

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effective and constitutional policing and increase trust between MCSO and the broader Maricopa County community. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO and the County shall develop and implement the following:

### A. Office of the Inspector General

- 275. Constitutional policing rests on consistent and unbiased assessment of a law enforcement agency's policies and practices. To that end, the County shall establish an Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") to ensure MCSO's continued compliance with constitutional policing. The OIG shall carry out its responsibilities through three distinct areas of activity: Compliance Audits, Complaint Investigation and Adjudication, and Public Reporting.
- 276. The Court shall appoint an Inspector General for a term of 5 years, which shall be renewable. The Court shall select the Inspector General from a list of candidates created by the Monitor, who shall take into account recommendations from the County, MCSO, the DOJ, and appropriate community stakeholders.
- 277. The OIG cannot be removed absent substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office.
- 278. After the initial 5 year term, the Board of Supervisors will appoint the Inspector General for subsequent 5 year terms.
- 279. While this Agreement is in effect, the OIG shall be empowered to initiate and conduct independent investigations of MCSO regarding any incident, policy, pattern or practice related to compliance with the terms of this agreement. The OIG shall be an "Officer of the MCSO" for the purposes of having full access to records and otherwise independent of MCSO, the Sheriff,

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and the County Attorney. The OIG shall report directly to the Court and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

- 280. OIG reports shall include the findings of investigation as well as any recommendations to address or remedy any findings. Should the Sheriff determine not to implement an OIG finding, the Sheriff must provide written notice to the OIG, the County, the Monitor and the Court. The notice from the Sheriff must include a justification for the decision not to implement the recommendation and any alternative measure the Sheriff will take.
- 281. The reports of the OIG shall be deemed legal advice to the County Council, and all information developed during an investigation shall be protected by the work product and attorney client privileges. The OIG shall not be required or compelled to testify, satisfy document requests, or provide information to third parties or in judicial proceedings unrelated to this Agreement regarding its investigations.
- 282. The County shall fully fund the OIG so that it can employ an Inspector General, sufficient employees to conduct the investigations necessary to complete the OIG's work, facilities, office equipment and technology, and other necessary items to conduct its work. The OIG shall not be located on MCSO premises. The staffing and resource needs of the OIG shall be assessed and determined on an annual basis by the Monitor, in consultation with the OIG and the County.
- 283. The Monitor shall determine whether MCSO has fully complied with the provisions of this Agreement. After MCSO achieves full and effective compliance with specific provisions of this Agreement, those provisions will be transferred to the OIG for continued review.

- 284. The Sheriff and MCSO personnel shall be required to cooperate fully with the OIG. The OIG shall have access to any MCSO personnel and facilities, subject to limitations imposed by law. The Sheriff and MCSO personnel shall promptly provide complete and unrestricted access to the OIG to inspect records, reports of audits, IA investigations, and complaints from MCSO's D Services. The OIG shall evaluate these reports, audits, and investigations to assess their quality, completeness, and findings.
- 285. The OIG shall accept complaints from MCSO officers and the public regarding compliance with this Agreement, including allegations of retaliatory conduct by MCSO. The OIG shall notify the Monitor of any complaints related to the Agreement. The OIG shall record and track all allegations. If the OIG determines that a complaint falls within its jurisdiction and indicates misconduct, the OIG shall have the authority to conduct an investigation. The OIG shall protect the identity of complainants, unless disclosure is unavoidable in order to effectively investigate an allegation or is otherwise required by law. The OIG will provide each complainant with the results of the investigation. Should the OIG decline to investigate, the complainant will be notified of the declination.
- 286. To fully carry out the duties of its office, the OIG shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths or affirmations, take testimony and compel the production of documents, papers, records, and books as may be deemed relevant to any review, inquiry, or investigation undertaken by the OIG. The OIG shall notify the Board of Supervisors of the issuance of a subpoena prior to its service. The OIG shall not make criminal referrals based on information gained through its investigations, may compel statements and shall take all

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appropriate steps to ensure that compelled statements are not available to, nor interfere with, any criminal prosecution.

- 287. In addition to reports of investigations, the OIG shall annually release a public report detailing its activities. In consultation with PCAB and community stakeholders, the OIG shall strive to guarantee its public report is accessible and useful to the public. Public reports shall not include personally identifiable information regarding individual MCSO employees or complainants. Reports shall include:
  - a) status reports on MCSO's continued compliance with Agreement provisions under the jurisdiction of the OIG, including, when pertinent, statistical analyses and community and law enforcement satisfaction surveys;
  - b) OIG recommendations regarding MCSO policies and practices as they relate to compliance with this Agreement;
  - c) data, analysis, and discussion of trends relating to complaints received by the OIG, including data related to complaints that are sustained and rate that are not sustained, overall and by type; and
  - d) data, analysis, and discussion related to performance metrics, including those detailed throughout this Agreement, as determined necessary by the Court, the Monitor, or the OIG.
- 288. The OIG shall brief the County, MCSO, the Sheriff, and the Monitor within 30 days of the release of its annual report on its findings and conclusions. Within 90 days of the briefing, MCSO shall respond, in written form, to the findings and recommendations made by the OIG. MCSO's response shall meaningfully address the findings and conclusions of the annual report

and shall outline proposed changes in MCSO policies and procedures. MCSO's response shall be made publicly available and accessible.

#### XI. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MCSO shall engage in community-oriented policing. MCSO shall create robust community relationships and engage constructively with the community to ensure collaborative problem-solving, ethical and bias-free policing and custody services, and an increase in community confidence in MCSO. To achieve this outcome, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

### A. Community-Oriented Policing

- 289. MCSO shall revise its mission statement to reflect its commitment to communityoriented policing and shall integrate community and problem-oriented policing principles into its
  management, policies and procedures, recruitment, training, personnel evaluations, tactics,
  deployment of resources, and systems of accountability.
- 290. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall reassess its staffing allocation and personnel deployment, including use of specialized units and deployment by geographic area, to ensure that they support community policing and problem-solving goals and shall modify or disband any units if they are incompatible with effective and community-oriented policing.
- 291. Within one year of the Effective Date and annually thereafter, MCSO shall provide 20 hours of comprehensive training on community policing and problem-oriented policing methods and skills for all deputies, including supervisors, managers and executives. This training shall include:
  - a) improving public safety and crime prevention through community engagement;

- b) leadership, ethics, interpersonal skills;
- c) community engagement, including how to establish formal partnerships and actively engage community organizations, including those serving youth and immigrant communities;
- d) problem-oriented policing tactics, including the "SARA" (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment) approach to identifying, assessing, resolving and evaluating collaborative efforts to increase public safety;
- e) conflict resolution and verbal de-escalation of conflict; and
- f) cultural diversity and how to communicate with individuals in commonly encountered scenarios.
- 292. Cultural awareness training shall be designed and delivered in consultation with and in conjunction with the Police Community Advisory Board (established and described in Section X(C) of this Agreement).
- 293. Within one year of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement mechanisms to measure deputy outreach to a broad cross-section of community members, with an emphasis on outreach to the Latino community, to establish extensive problem-solving partnerships and develop and implement cooperative strategies with this broader cross-section of stakeholders. MCSO shall develop and implement partnerships to provide immediate and ongoing support to families of victims of sexual assaults and other serious crimes.
- 294. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop measurements to assess the effectiveness of its community partnerships and problem-solving strategies. Each District shall prepare a publicly-available report on at least a quarterly basis that details its community partnerships, meetings, and problem-solving activities, including specific problems addressed

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and steps taken by MCSO and the community toward their resolution. The District reports also shall identify obstacles faced and recommendations for future improvement.

### **B.** District Community Outreach Programs and Meetings

- 295. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall develop and implement a Community Outreach and Public Information program in each MCSO District.
- 296. The Community Outreach and Public Information program shall require at least one open meeting every two months in each of MCSO's patrol Districts the first year of this Agreement, and one meeting quarterly in each District annually thereafter. These open meetings shall be led by the District Commander and shall inform the public about the requirements of this Agreement; MCSO's progress meeting these requirements; and address areas of community concern related to public trust and constitutional policing. At least one week before such meetings, the County shall widely publicize the meetings using television, print media and the internet. These meetings shall not be on MCSO property and shall be held at locations with easy access to public transportation. MCSO shall coordinate with the community in which the meeting is held to ensure that adequate child care is provided. The Sheriff shall attend at least two meetings in each District every year. The Sheriff's planned attendance shall be publicized.

  297. The Community Outreach and Public Information meetings shall include summaries of all audits and reports completed pursuant to this Agreement and inform the public of any policy
- 298. Every MCSO deputy and supervisor assigned to a District shall attend at least two community meetings each year in the geographic area to which the deputy is assigned.

changes or other significant actions taken as a result of this Agreement.

#### C. Police Community Advisory Board

- 299. MCSO, the County, and the OIG shall work with community representatives to create a PCAB to facilitate regular communication and cooperation between MCSO, the County, the OIG, and community leaders, including youth leaders, and to provide specific recommendations to MCSO about policies and practices that will increase community trust.
- 300. MCSO and the OIG shall work collaboratively with the PCAB to develop and implement public safety strategies that respect and reflect each community's public safety priorities and concerns about particular police tactics. To the extent agreed upon by the PCAB, MCSO shall seek PCAB's assistance, counsel, recommendations, or participation in areas including:
  - a) community policing strategies;
  - b) law enforcement priorities;
  - c) training;
  - d) victim services;
  - e) any aspect of this Agreement, including: discriminatory policing, search, seizure and arrest issues, use of force issues, and the civilian complaint process;
  - f) advice on recruiting a qualified, diverse workforce; and
  - g) advising the Sheriff on ways to provide data and information, including information about MCSO's compliance with this Agreement, to the public in a transparent and public-friendly format.

#### XII. POLICIES AND TRAINING GENERALLY

MCSO's policies and procedures shall embody the core values and priorities of constitutional policing, and provide clear direction to ensure that supervisors, deputies, civilian

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employees and posse members lawfully, effectively, and ethically carry out their law enforcement responsibilities. MCSO and the County shall ensure that all MCSO employees are trained to understand and effectuate their duties and responsibilities pursuant to MCSO policies and procedures. To achieve these outcomes, MCSO shall develop and implement the following:

### A. Policy Development, Review, and Implementation

- 301. MCSO shall develop comprehensive and agency-wide policies and procedures that ensure consistency with, and full implementation of, this Agreement, and incorporate each requirement herein. Unless otherwise noted, all policies, procedures, and manuals shall be developed within 180 days of the Effective Date.
- 302. MCSO policies and procedures shall define terms clearly, comply with applicable law and the requirements of this Agreement, and comport with best practices and current professional standards.
- 303. MCSO shall review each policy or procedure 180 days after it is implemented, and annually thereafter, to ensure that the policy or procedure provides effective direction to MCSO personnel and remains consistent with this Agreement, best practices, current law and professional standards, including incorporating mechanisms to promote and measure accountability and community engagement. MCSO also shall review policies and procedures as necessary upon notice of a policy deficiency during audits or reviews. MCSO shall revise any deficient policy as soon as practicable. The Monitor and DOJ shall provide the same review and approval of revised policies and procedures as with the initial policies and procedures.

- 304. MCSO's Department-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in a Department-level policy and procedure manual, and bureau-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in bureau-level policy and procedure manuals, and include the following MCSO functions:
  - a) Field operations, including patrol, supervision task forces, and special operations, including the Human Smuggling Unit, Criminal Employment Squad, and Volunteer Posse operations:
  - b) IA, including case and records management, administrative investigations, confidential investigations, parallel criminal and administrative investigations, audits, and deputy drug testing;
  - c) Use of Force Reporting, Investigation, and Review;
  - d) In-Custody Death Reviews;
  - e) Criminal investigations, including sub-units assigned to investigate sexual assaults, domestic violence, and child sexual abuse;
  - f) Recruitment and Training, including Academy, In-Service, and Roll Call training; and
  - g) Data collection and retention, including information received through MCSO tip-lines and civilian complaints.
- 305. MCSO shall submit all new and revised policies, procedures, processes, manuals, and trainings (hereinafter, "policy" or "policies") to the Monitor and DOJ for review and comment prior to publication and implementation.
- 306. The Monitor and DOJ shall review all MCSO policy promulgated pursuant to this Agreement to determine whether the policy is consistent with and incorporates the requirements of this Agreement, and that the policy defines terms clearly, complies with applicable law, and

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comports with best practices and current professional standards. The Monitor shall provide the Parties with written comments regarding the policies within 45 days of receipt. DOJ shall review and provide comments within 30 days after receipt of the Monitor's written comments. MCSO shall implement policy within 14 days of receiving approval from the Monitor and DOJ.

307. MCSO shall apply policies uniformly.

#### B. <u>Training on Revised Policies, Procedures, and Practices</u>

- 308. Within 60 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall ensure that all personnel attend at least two hours of training on the content of this Agreement and the responsibilities of each MCSO employee pursuant to it.
- 309. Within 60 days after issuing a policy or procedure pursuant to this Agreement, MCSO shall ensure that all relevant MCSO personnel have received, read, and understand their responsibilities pursuant to the policy or procedure. Along with each issuance, MCSO will note the requirement that all personnel report violations of policy; that supervisors of all ranks shall be held accountable for identifying and responding to policy or procedure violations by personnel under their command; and that personnel will be held accountable for policy and procedure violations.
- 310. Unless otherwise noted, the training required pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered within one year of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter. Within 60 days of the Effective Date, MCSO shall set out a schedule for delivering all training required by this Agreement.
- 311. The Monitor shall assess and report whether relevant personnel understand each policy or procedure as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities.

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### XIII. AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

#### A. Selection of the Monitor

- 312. Within 60 days of the Effective Date, the Parties shall select a Monitor to assess and report whether the requirements of this Agreement have been implemented, and whether this implementation is resulting in increased constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by MCSO.
- 313. The Parties shall have an opportunity to interview the prospective hiree and request additional information about the prospective hiree's background and experience, including references and a list of recent consulting or monitoring work.
- 314. If the Parties are unable to agree on a Monitor or an alternative method of selection within 60 days of the Effective Date, each Party shall submit the names of three candidates with experience as law enforcement practices experts or monitors, along with resumes and cost proposals, to the Court, and the Court shall select a Monitor from among the qualified candidates.
- 315. The Monitor shall be appointed for a period of five years from the Effective Date and shall have his/her appointment presumptively extended every two years until Defendants demonstrate full and effective compliance with the entire Agreement.
- 316. Defendants shall bear all reasonable fees and costs of the Monitor. In selecting the Monitor, DOJ and Defendants recognize the importance of ensuring that the fees and costs borne by Defendants are reasonable, and accordingly fees and costs shall be one factor considered in selecting the Monitor. In the event that any dispute arises regarding the reasonableness or

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payment of the Monitor's fees and costs, Defendants, DOJ, and the Monitor shall attempt to resolve such dispute cooperatively prior to seeking the assistance of the Court.

- 317. The Monitor, at any time after its initial selection, may request to be allowed to hire or employ or contract with such additional persons or entities as are reasonably necessary to perform the tasks assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. Any person or entity hired or otherwise retained by the Monitor to assist in furthering any provision of this Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The Monitor shall notify the Defendants and DOJ in writing if the Monitor wishes to select such additional persons or entities. The notice shall identify and describe the qualifications of the person or entity to be hired or employed and the monitoring tasks to be performed. If the County and DOJ agree to the Monitor's proposal, the Monitor shall be authorized to hire or employ such additional persons or entities. The County or DOJ have ten business days to disagree with the proposal. If the County and DOJ are unable to reach agreement within ten business days of receiving notice of the disagreement by the other Party, the Court shall resolve the dispute.
- 318. In the event that full and effective implementation of this Agreement requires technical assistance beyond the scope of the Monitor's duties, DOJ, MCSO, and/or the Monitor shall inform the County of the need for technical assistance and its relation to implementation of the Agreement. The Monitor, with assistance from the County, shall arrange for the prompt initiation of the required technical assistance, to be performed by the Monitor or its agent or independent contractor; or a separate entity. The County shall set aside \$100,000.00 for this purpose, and shall allocate additional funds as necessary. If any Party disagrees with the need

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for the technical assistance requested, the Party shall, within 15 days of being informed in writing of the requested technical assistance, inform the Court, which shall resolve the dispute.

- 319. Should any of the Parties to this Agreement determine that the Monitor's individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors have exceeded their authority or failed to satisfactorily perform the duties required by this Agreement, the Party may petition the Court for such relief as the Court deems appropriate, including replacement of the Monitor, and/or any individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors.
- 320. Defendants shall provide the Monitor with permanent office space and reasonable office support such as office furniture, secure internet access, telephones, secure document storage, and photocopying, faxing and scanning equipment.

#### B. Role of the Monitor

- 321. The Monitor shall be subject to the supervision and orders of the Court, consistent with this Agreement. The Monitor shall only have the duties, responsibilities and authority conferred by this Agreement.
- 322. The Monitor shall not, and is not intended to, replace or assume the role and duties of the Defendants, including the Sheriff.
- 323. In order to assess and report on the Defendants' implementation of this Agreement and whether implementation is resulting in increased community trust and the constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by MCSO, the Monitor shall conduct the compliance reviews and audits, outcome assessments, and incident reviews specified, and such additional audits, reviews, and assessments as the Monitor or the Parties deem appropriate.

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#### C. Compliance Reviews and Audits

- 324. The Monitor shall conduct compliance reviews or audits as necessary to determine whether the Defendants have implemented and continue to comply with the material requirements of this Agreement. Compliance with a material requirement of this Agreement requires that Defendants have: (a) incorporated the requirement into policy; (b) trained all relevant personnel as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities pursuant to the requirement; (c) ensured comprehension of all training received; (d) ensured that the requirement is being carried out in actual practice; and (e) ensured that compliance has been consistently maintained for three years. Compliance reviews and audits shall contain both qualitative and quantitative elements as necessary for reliability and comprehensiveness.
- 325. In conducting these outcome assessments the Monitor may use any relevant data collected and maintained by MCSO, provided that it has determined, and the Parties agree, that this data is reasonably reliable and complete. To conduct the annual community survey, the Monitor shall retain an individual or entity which shall:
  - a) develop a baseline of measures on public satisfaction with policing, attitudes among police personnel, the quality of police-civilian encounters; and the quality of interactions between persons in custody and MCSO jail personnel;
  - b) conduct baseline surveys of County residents, police personnel, and persons in custody, and follow-up surveys on at least an annual basis. The baseline survey will be conducted by an entity with expertise in social science research and statistics. DOJ will review and approve the entity selected.

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- c) ensure that the community surveys are designed to capture each demographic category; and
- d) conduct the survey in English and Spanish.

#### D. <u>Monitoring Plan and Review Methodology</u>

- 326. Within 90 days of the Effective Date, the Monitor shall develop a plan for conducting the above outcome assessments and compliance reviews and audits, and shall submit this plan to the Parties for review and approval. This plan shall:
  - a) clearly delineate the requirements of the Agreement to be assessed for compliance, indicating which requirements will be assessed together;
  - b) set out a schedule for conducting outcome measure assessments for each outcome measure at least annually, except where otherwise noted, with the first assessment occurring within 18 months of the Effective Date;
  - c) set out a schedule for conducting a compliance review or audit of each requirement of this Agreement within the first three years of the Agreement, and a compliance review or audit of each requirement at least annually thereafter.
- 327. Where the Monitor recommends and the Parties agree, the Monitor may refrain from conducting a compliance audit or review of a requirement previously found to be in compliance by the Monitor pursuant to audit or review, or where outcome assessments indicate that the outcome intended by the requirement has been achieved.
- 328. At least 90 days prior to the initiation of any outcome measure assessment or compliance review or audit, the Monitor shall submit a proposed methodology for the assessment, review or audit, to the Parties. The Parties shall submit any comments or concerns regarding the proposed

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methodology to the Monitor within 45 days of the proposed date of the assessment, review or audit. The Monitor shall modify the methodology as necessary to address any concerns or shall inform the Parties in writing of the reasons it is not modifying its methodology as proposed.

#### E. Monitor Recommendations and Technical Assistance

329. The Monitor may make recommendations to the Parties regarding measures necessary to ensure timely, full and effective implementation of this Agreement and its underlying objectives. Such recommendations may include a recommendation to change, modify, or amend a provision of the Agreement, a recommendation for additional training in any area related to this Agreement, or a recommendation to seek technical assistance. In addition to such recommendations, the Monitor may also, at the request of the Defendants or DOJ, provide technical assistance consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement.

#### F. Comprehensive Re-Assessment

330. The Monitor shall conduct a comprehensive assessment four years after the Effective Date to determine whether and to what extent the outcomes intended by this Agreement have been achieved, and any modifications to the Agreement that are necessary for continued achievement in light of changed circumstances or unanticipated impact (or lack of impact) of a requirement. This assessment shall also address areas of greatest achievement and the requirements that appear to have contributed to this success, as well as areas of greatest concern, including strategies for accelerating full and effective compliance. Based upon this comprehensive assessment, the Monitor shall recommend modifications to the Agreement necessary to achieve and sustain intended outcomes. Where the Parties agree with the Monitor's recommendations, the Parties shall stipulate to modify the Agreement accordingly.

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#### **G.** Monitor Reports

- 331. The Monitor shall file with the Court quarterly written, public reports covering the reporting period that shall include:
  - a) a description of the work conducted by the Monitor during the reporting period;
  - b) a listing of each Agreement requirement indicating which requirements have been: (1) incorporated into implemented policy; (2) the subject of sufficient training for all relevant MCSO deputies and employees; (3) reviewed or audited by the Monitor to determine whether they have been fully implemented in actual practice, including the date of the review or audit; and (4) found by the Monitor to have been fully implemented in practice;
  - c) the methodology and specific findings for each audit or review conducted. An unredacted version shall be filed under seal with the Court and provided to the Parties. The underlying data for each audit or review shall not be publicly available but shall be retained by the Monitor and provided to either or both Parties upon request;
  - d) for any requirements that were reviewed or audited and found not to have been fully implemented in practice, the Monitor's recommendations regarding necessary steps to achieve compliance;
  - e) the methodology and specific findings for each outcome assessment conducted;
  - f) qualitative assessment of MCSO's progress in achieving the desired outcomes for each area covered by the Agreement, noting issues of concern or particular achievement; and
  - g) a projection of the work to be completed during the upcoming reporting period and any anticipated challenges or concerns related to implementation of the Agreement.

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- 332. The Monitor shall provide a copy of quarterly reports to the Parties in draft form at least ten business days prior to Court filing and public release of the reports to allow the Parties to informally comment on the reports. The Monitor shall consider the Parties' responses and make appropriate changes before issuing the report.
- 333. The reports shall be public with the exception of material covered by privacy laws.

#### H. <u>Communication between Monitor and Parties</u>

334. The Monitor shall maintain regular contact with the Parties in order to ensure effective and timely communication regarding the status of Defendants' implementation of and compliance with this Agreement. To facilitate this communication, and to allow the public the opportunity to remain informed about the Agreement implementation process, the Monitor shall conduct quarterly meetings which shall include participation by the Sheriff and representatives of the County Attorney's Office, and DOJ, and shall be open to the public. These meetings may be held during normal daytime work hours.

#### I. Public Statements, Testimony, Records, and Conflicts of Interest

335. Except as required or authorized by the terms of this Agreement or the Parties acting together: neither the Monitor, nor any agent, employee, or independent contractor thereof, shall make any public statements or issue findings with regard to any act or omission of the Defendants, or their agents, representatives, or employees; or disclose non-public information provided to the Monitor pursuant to the Agreement. Any press statement made by the Monitor regarding its employment or monitoring activities under this Agreement shall first be approved by the Defendants and DOJ.

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- 336. Unless such conflict is waived by the Parties, the Monitor shall not accept employment or provide consulting services that would present a conflict of interest with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement, including being retained (on a paid or unpaid basis) by any current or future litigant or claimant, or such litigant's or claimant's attorney, in connection with a claim or suit against the County or its departments, deputies, agents or employees.
- 337. The Monitor is not a state or local agency, or an agent thereof, and accordingly the records maintained by the Monitor shall not be deemed public records subject to public inspection.
- 338. The Monitor shall not be liable for any claim, lawsuit, or demand arising out of the Monitor's performance pursuant to this Agreement.

#### J. MCSO Agreement Implementation Unit

339. Defendants shall hire and retain, or reassign current MCSO employees to form an interdisciplinary unit with the skills and abilities necessary to facilitate implementation of this

Agreement. This unit will serve as a liaison between the Parties and the Monitor and will assist
with the Defendants' implementation of and compliance with this Agreement. At a minimum,
this unit will: coordinate the Defendants' compliance and implementation activities; facilitate
the provision of data, documents, materials, and access to the Defendants' personnel to the
Monitor and DOJ; ensure that all data, documents and records are maintained as provided in this
Agreement; and assist in assigning implementation and compliance-related tasks to MCSO
personnel, as directed by the Sheriff or his designee.

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#### K. Implementation Assessment and Report

- 340. MCSO and the County shall collect and maintain all data and records necessary to: (1) document implementation of and compliance with this Agreement, including data and records necessary for the Monitor to conduct reliable outcome assessments, compliance reviews, and audits; and (2) perform ongoing quality assurance in each of the areas addressed by this Agreement.
- 341. Beginning with the Monitor's first quarterly report, the Defendants shall file with the Court, with a copy to the Monitor and DOJ, a status report no later than 45 days before the Monitor's quarterly report is due. The Defendants' report shall delineate the steps taken by the Defendants during the reporting period to implement this Agreement; Defendants' assessment of the status of their progress; plans to correct any problems; and responses to any concerns raised in the Monitor's previous quarterly report.

#### L. Access and Confidentiality

342. To facilitate its work, the Monitor may conduct on-site visits and assessments without prior notice to the Defendants. The Monitor shall have access to all necessary individuals, facilities, and documents, which shall include access to Agreement related operations planning, trainings, meetings, and reviews such as use of force review boards, and disciplinary hearings. MCSO shall notify the Monitor as soon as practicable, and in any case within 12 hours, of any immigration sweep, any immigration-related enforcement activity involving the arrest of five or more people, or any other potentially high-profile incident related to the subject matter of this Agreement.

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343. Defendants shall ensure that the Monitor shall have timely, full and direct access to all Defendants' staff, employees, critical incident crime scenes, and facilities that the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. The Monitor shall cooperate with the Defendants to access people and facilities in a reasonable manner that, consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities, minimizes interference with daily operations.

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Defendants shall ensure that the Monitor shall have full and direct access to all Defendants' documents and data that the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement, except any documents or data protected by the attorney-client privilege. The attorney-client privilege may not be used to prevent the Monitor from observing reviews, meetings, and trainings such as use of force review boards; disciplinary hearings; or discussions of misconduct complaint investigations. Should the Defendants decline to provide the Monitor access to documents or data based on attorney-client privilege, the Defendants shall inform the Monitor and DOJ that it is withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide the Monitor and DOJ with a log describing the documents or data. 345. Defendants shall ensure that DOJ and its consultative experts and agents shall have full and direct access to all Defendants' staff, employees, facilities, documents and data relevant to this Agreement. DOJ and its consultative experts and agents shall cooperate with the Defendants to access involved personnel, facilities, and documents in a reasonable manner that, consistent with DOJ's responsibilities to enforce this Agreement, minimizes interference with regular

duties. Should the Defendants decline to provide DOJ with access to documents or data based

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on attorney-client privilege, the Defendants shall inform DOJ that it is withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide DOJ with a log describing the documents or data.

- 346. The Monitor and DOJ shall provide the Defendants with reasonable notice of a request for copies of documents. Upon such request, the Defendants shall provide in a timely manner copies (electronic, where readily available) of the requested documents.
- 347. The Monitor and DOJ shall have access to all records and information relating to criminal investigations relevant to this Agreement as permissible by law. The Monitor and DOJ shall have access to all documents in criminal investigation files that have been closed by MCSO. The Monitor shall also have reasonable access to all arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications whether or not contained in open criminal investigation files. Where practicable, arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications shall be obtained from sources other than open criminal investigation files.
- 348. The Monitor and DOJ shall maintain all non-public information provided by the Defendants in a confidential manner. Other than as expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege or right the Defendants may assert, including those recognized at common law or created by statute, rule or regulation, against any other person or entity with respect to the disclosure of any document.

#### M. <u>Court Jurisdiction, Modification of the Agreement, and Enforcement</u>

- 349. This Agreement shall become effective upon entry by the Court.
- 350. To ensure that the requirements of this Agreement are properly and timely implemented, the Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action for all purposes until such time as the Defendants have achieved full and effective compliance with this Agreement and maintained such

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compliance for no less than three years. At all times, the Defendants shall bear the burden of demonstrating full and effective compliance with this Agreement.

- 351. The United States acknowledges the good faith of the Defendants in trying to address the remedial measures that are needed to promote police integrity and ensure constitutional policing in Maricopa County. The United States, however, reserves its right to seek enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement if it determines that the Defendants have failed to fully comply with any provision of this Agreement. The United States agrees to consult with the Defendants before instituting enforcement proceedings.
- 352. The Parties agree to defend the provisions of this Agreement. The Parties shall notify each other of any court or administrative challenge to this Agreement. In the event any provision of this Agreement is challenged in any local or state court, removal to a federal court shall be sought by the Parties.
- 353. The Defendants agree to promptly notify DOJ if any term of this Agreement becomes subject to collective bargaining consultation and to consult with DOJ in a timely manner regarding the position the Defendants take in any collective bargaining consultation connected with this Agreement.

#### N. <u>Termination of the Agreement</u>

354. The parties anticipate that Defendants will have reached full and effective compliance with this Agreement within ten years of its Effective Date. The Parties may agree to jointly ask the Court to terminate this Agreement prior to this date, provided that the Defendants have been in full and effective compliance with this entire Agreement for three years. "Full and Effective Compliance" shall be defined to require both sustained compliance with all material

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requirements of this Agreement and sustained and continuing improvement in constitutional

policing, as demonstrated pursuant to the Agreement's outcome measures.

355. If after ten years from the Effective Date the Parties disagree whether Defendants have

been in full and effective compliance for three years, either Party may seek to terminate this

Agreement. In the case of termination sought by the Defendants, prior to filing a motion to

terminate, the Defendants agree to notify DOJ in writing when the Defendants have determined

that they are in full and effective compliance with this Agreement and that such compliance has

been maintained for no less than three years. Thereafter, the Parties shall promptly confer as to

the status of compliance. If, after a reasonable period of consultation and the completion of any

audit or evaluation that DOJ and/or the Monitor may wish to undertake, including on-site

observations, document review, or interviews with the Defendants' personnel, the Parties cannot

resolve any compliance issues, the Defendants may file a motion to terminate this Agreement. If

the Defendants move for termination of this Agreement, DOJ will have 60 days after the receipt

of the Defendants' motion to object to the motion. If DOJ does not object, the Court may grant

the Defendants' motion. If DOJ does make an objection, the Court shall hold a hearing on the

motion and the burden shall be on the Defendants to demonstrate that they are in full and

effective compliance with this Agreement and have maintained such compliance for at least three

years.

Respectfully submitted, this day of , 2012

For the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

ERIC H. HOLDER, JR.

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