

## **Driver's Training (PSP)**

### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

#### **CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

#### **PERISHABLE SKILLS PROGRAM (PSP)**

#### **DRIVING (PSP)**

##### **I. REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION**

###### **A. Preparation of Necessary Class Documents II (B)**

1. Class roster
2. Introductions - Classroom/ Instructor.

##### **II. POLICY/CASE LAW II (B,F)**

###### **A. State Laws:**

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| 1. 17001 CVC   | 6. 21056 CVC    |
| 2. 17004 CVC   | 7. 21057 CVC    |
| 3. 17004.7 CVC | 8. 21806 CVC    |
| 4. 21052 CVC   | 9. 21807 CVC    |
| 5. 21055 CVC   | 10. 13519.8 CVC |

###### **B. Applicable Case Law and Key Issues:**

1. Kishida v. California – 17004.7 CVC only requires that an agency “adopt” a policy and does not specify compliance with that policy.

2. Colvin v. Gardena – Gardena’s pursuit policy language was too “vague” allowing too much officer discretion in initiating and terminating pursuits.

3. Peterson v. Long Beach – Because the City’s policy was stricter than State Law, a violation of that policy caused the City to incur civil liability.

4. Lewis v. Sacramento Co. – Federal lawsuit alleging 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment violation. Set the “Shocks the Conscience” standard.

5. Brower v. Inyo Co. – “Dead man’s Roadblock” used on non-violent offender resulted in court’s determination that the officer’s action “shocked the conscience.”

6. Cruz v. Briseno – Incident involving “closing the distance.” Fleeing suspect killed innocent 3<sup>rd</sup> party in collision. Although deputy did NOT have emergency equipment activated, he was in fact “in pursuit.” Immunity under 17004 CVC and 17004.7 CVC applied.

7. Nguyen v. City of Westminster – Westminster pursuit of stolen van that ended in a schoolyard during school hours. Suspect vehicle collided into a dumpster killing Mr. Nguyen. The Court held that Westminster was civilly immune under 17004.7 CVC, however, the cited that the law is flawed and should be reviewed.

C. Department Policy

II (C,F,G)

1. Defensive Driving

2. Clearing Intersections

3. Seatbelt Usage

4. Defensive Driving

5. Vehicle Dynamics

III. Discuss Driving Exercises / Vehicle Dynamics

II (B,G)

A. Parallel Park

B. T-Driveway

C. Turn Around Exercise

D. Off set Lane

E. Intersection Exercise

IV. Students Driving Slow Speed Exercises

II (A,D,E)

A. Parallel Park (Backing)

B. T-Driveway (Backing)

C. Turn Around Exercise (Backing)

D. Off set Lane (Backing)

E. Intersection Exercise

V. Course Critique

II (B)