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TO: JOSEPH M. NICCHITTA
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FROM: TIMOTHY J. KRAL 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund
Claims Board Recommendation
Chloe Sanchez v. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29050**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation in the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary and the Summary Corrective Action Plan for the case.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachment

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Settlement for Matter Entitled Chloe Sanchez v. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29050

Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Claims Board's recommendation: Authorized Settlement of the matter entitled Chloe Sanchez v. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22STCV29050 in the amount of \$550,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department Contract Cities Trust Fund's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of an automobile accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Chloe Sanchez vs. Marcus Kyle Sy, et al.
CASE NUMBER	22STCV29050
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 7, 2022
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 550,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	LAILA HAVRE JACOBSMA, ESQ. Jacobsma Law APC ANGEL CARRAZCO, JR. Carrazco Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	LATASHA N. CORRY, ESQ. Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on January 19, 2022, when an ambulance collided with a Sheriff's Deputy's patrol unit at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard, in the City of Pico Rivera. Plaintiff was an EMT riding in the back of the ambulance when the collision occurred. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 143,816
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 284,327



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	January 19, 2022
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-250 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at approximately 12:23 a.m., an on-duty Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department employee, Deputy Sheriff One, assigned to patrol a station, drove a marked black and white patrol vehicle (without emergency lights and siren), south on a boulevard. As Deputy One approached the intersection, in the distance, he saw a fire department vehicle (with emergency lights and siren activated) travel westbound through the intersection against a red light. Several seconds later, Deputy One continued south on the boulevard into the intersection. As Deputy One entered the intersection on a green light for southbound traffic, he saw an ambulance (with emergency lights activated) traveling westbound, approaching the intersection toward his driver's side. The ambulance entered the intersection without slowing down against a red light. Deputy One did not hear the sirens from the ambulance, which had been following the above fire department vehicle. The ambulance was occupied by multiple people, including the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff was employed by the ambulance company, and in the rear of the ambulance tending to a patient on a gurney. Deputy One unsuccessfully attempted to steer away from the encroaching ambulance and swerved his vehicle to the right. The ambulance driver saw the deputy sheriff's vehicle as the ambulance entered the intersection against the red light and swerved the ambulance to the left in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid a collision.

	The front passenger side of the ambulance collided with the rear driver-side door of the deputy sheriff's vehicle. After the collision, the ambulance continued its trajectory southwest and struck a light pole on the southwest corner of the intersection. All vehicles involved in this collision stayed on-scene pending medical response. The Plaintiff complained of pain and was evaluated by on-scene emergency medical personnel but declined transportation to a hospital. Deputy One was not injured.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause of this incident was Deputy One's inability to recognize or consider his observations that a fire department vehicle responding with emergency lights and sirens could be followed by another emergency vehicle.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the indication that Deputy One's cell phone activity occurred in approximation to the collision which potentially contributed to the inability to recognize the lights from the ambulance as it neared the intersection.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the ambulance driver's failure to stop at the red light and not clear the intersection lane by lane, violating California Vehicle Code Section- 21453 (a).

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Traffic Collision Investigation:

The incident was thoroughly investigated by detectives from the patrol station traffic unit.

The collision investigation concluded that the ambulance driver was the party responsible for the collision due to a failure to safely clear the intersection at a red light in violation of section 21453(a) of the California Vehicle Code.

Administrative Investigation:

The results of the traffic investigation were presented to Department executives to determine if the deputy sheriff's actions constituted misconduct.

This incident was investigated by representatives at the patrol station, to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. The results of the investigation were presented for Department executive adjudication. Executive evaluation of this incident determined no violations of Department policy.

Station Traffic Collision Assessment and Review:

The patrol station conducted a review and assessment of all traffic collisions for the past five years.

During the audit, it was discovered there was a spike in 2021/2022, with a reduction in the following years. Personnel who have been involved in more than one traffic collision are directed to attend Department training, such as the Sheriff's Traffic Accident Reduction driving program, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and the Alternatives to Discipline Driving Course.

To improve employee safety and reduce the Department's liability and exposure, station supervisors continue to conduct briefings which focus on the importance of safe driving as well as abiding by all the rules of the road when operating county vehicles. As a result, the preventable traffic collisions have decreased in recent years.

Sheriff Department Announcement – Department-Wide Re-brief:

It is essential to maintain heightened officer safety, common sense, and sound tactics to reduce collision-related injuries, deaths, and financial liability to the Department. Sheriff's Department policies related to safe driving practices were re-briefed.

Department-Wide Broadcast Announcement– Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC):

In an effort to mitigate Department traffic collisions, Risk Management Bureau has partnered with SCC (Sheriff's Communication Center) to create Department-Wide announcements.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
- ☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Tri Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 3.26.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Jorge A. Valdez, Chief South Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 4/1/26

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- ☒ Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- ☐ No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 4/7/26