



Los Angeles County

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

2026 LEGISLATIVE UPDATES RELATED TO LASD OPERATIONS

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Newsletter 26-01, 2026 Legislative Update

LASD annually drafts a newsletter that highlights new legislation impacting the Department that are now state law. A draft of the Legislative Update is reviewed by County Counsel, Executives, and the Office of Constitutional Policing.

Policy Development Process





Laws are effective January 1, 2026, unless noted.

The Newsletter is not a substitute for reviewing full statutes or Department policy.

- **CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURES**
- **VEHICLE CODE**
- **FIREARMS/WEAPONS**
- **PERSONNEL RELATED**
- **DEPARTMENTAL PROCEDURES**



AB 476 - Metal theft

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Expands prohibitions on scrap metal possession
- Adds record-keeping requirements for businesses
- Increases fines for violations
- Amends B&P 21606,21609.1 and PC 496a, 496e

AB 486 - Crimes: burglary tools

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Possession of key programming devices with intent to burglarize is a misdemeanor
- Penalty: Up to 6 months jail, \$1,000 fine, or both
- Amends PC 466



AB 572 - Interrogations

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Officers must provide identification and rights info
- Applies when interviewing family of injured/deceased persons
- Agencies must adopt policies by Jan 1, 2027

- Detective Division and OCP to address the policy requirement
- Added Chapter 17.43 (commencing with section 7287) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.



SB 733 - Sexual assault forensic evidence: testing

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Adults may request kits not be tested initially
- Kits retained until victim requests testing

- Amends PC 680
- Special Victims Bureau and Scientific Services Bureau will address any additional protocol needs, as necessary



SB 734 - Criminal procedure: discrimination

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Addresses due process issues for law enforcement related to the California Racial Justice Act (RJA)
- Officers receive notice of RJA allegations
- Agencies may take administrative action

- MPP 3-01/000.05 – Bias Free Policing
- Adds Government Code section 3305.6 and amends PC sections 745, 1473, 1473.7, and 13510.8



AB 544 - Electric Bicycles: Required Equipment

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Requires rear red reflector/light visible 500 feet
- Adds CHP safety course option for minors
- Violation is an infraction (citation)
- Amends VC 21201 and 21212



AB 630 – Abandoned Recreational Vehicles

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- LA County can remove RVs under \$4,000
- 72-hour notice required
 - Notice not required for abandoned RVs removed per VC 22669(d) due to public health and safety hazards
- Owners must be notified within 48 hours of removal
- Owners have 30 days to claim
- Adds and repeals sections of VC 22851.5



AB 875 – Vehicle Removal

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Authorizes impound of electric vehicles that are neither bicycles nor motor vehicles
- Fewer than four wheels and does not fit definition of electric bicycle, and operator is not licensed
- Class 3 electric bicycle operated by child under 16
- Adds VC 22651.08



AB 987 – Vehicles: Storage and Towing

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Creates specific rules for towing companies during police-initiated tows, particularly in emergencies
- Expands list of towing and storage fees that are considered unreasonable
- Consumer protection
- Amends VC 10652.5 and 22524.5



AB 1263 - Firearms: ghost guns

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Expands the Firearms Industry Responsibility Act (FIRA)
- Adds new civil and criminal penalties for unlawful firearm manufacturing
- Creates 10-year firearm ban for certain offenses
- Amends Civil Code sections 3273.50, 3273.51, 3273.60, and 3273.61, adds Civil Code section 3273.625, amends PC 29805, and adds PC 29186.



AB 847 - Peace officers: confidentiality of records

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Allows civilian law enforcement oversight boards to access confidential personnel records of peace officers.
- Access is limited to records needed for investigations or proceedings related to officer conduct.
- The records remain confidential and are not released to the public.
- Matter in meet and confer
- Amends Government Code 25303.7 and PC 832.7



AB 1178 - Peace officers: confidentiality of records

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Requires courts to consider whether a peace officer is currently working undercover when reviewing record disclosure requests.
- Courts must evaluate whether disclosure would pose a specific safety risk to the officer or others.
- The law balances transparency with officer and public safety concerns.
- Records may still be released when appropriate.

- Amended Penal Code section 832.7
- Department's Exemption Request Process



AB 1388 - Peace officers: settlement agreements

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Agencies cannot enter into settlement agreements that require the destruction, removal, or concealment of misconduct investigation records.
- Agencies may not agree to halt investigations, change findings, or restrict disclosure of misconduct information as part of a settlement.
- Any settlement agreement that violates these rules is void and unenforceable.
- The law promotes transparency and accountability in how misconduct cases are resolved.

- Amends PC 832.7 and 13510.9
- Department's Employee Relations Unit made aware

AB 354 - Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

Effective Date: July 14, 2025



- Authorizes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to access information contained in and derived from the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).
- Strengthens accountability and professional standards in California law enforcement by improving POST's ability to identify officers who may be unfit for service using verified information.
- MPP 3-07/220.20 – CAL DOJ Admonishment revised April 22, 2022
- Penal Code 502
- Adds Government Code 15169, amends PC sections 13500, 13510.8, and 13510.9, and adds PC 13503.1



SB 524 - Law enforcement: artificial intelligence

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Agencies must have AI policy
- AI reports must identify software used
- Officer signature required

- LASD Newsletter 25-10 published Dec. 15, 2025
- Adds PC 13663



SB 580 - Attorney general: immigration enforcement policies

Effective Date: January 1, 2027

- Attorney General to issue model policies by July 1, 2026
- Agencies must comply by Jan 1, 2027
- Added Government Code section 12532.5

- Federal Enforcement Operations Watch Commander Checklist
- Newsletter 25-04 Potential Scenarios Related to Immigration Operations – reinforces SB54 California Values Act
- MPP 5-09/271.00, Immigration Inquiries and Notifications
- FOSS Newsletter 18-06, Immigration Policies, Protocols, and Procedures



SB 627: Law enforcement: masks

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

- Officers generally prohibited from wearing face coverings - specific, clearly defined, and limited circumstances
- Policies must be posted by July 1, 2026
- Officers are exempt from criminal penalties if their agency has a compliant, publicly posted policy in place by July 1, 2026.
- LASD Newsletter 25-11 published Dec. 17, 2025
- Adds Chapter 17.45 (commencing with section 7289) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code and adds PC 185.5

SB 805 - Crimes

Effective Date: September 20, 2025



- Specified non-uniformed officers must visibly display identification to the public when performing their duties - Either the officer's name or badge number.
- Adopt and publicly post a policy by January 1, 2026.
- Limit situations where identification is not visible to clearly defined and specific circumstances.
- Expands the crime of false personation of a peace officer.
- MPP 3-03/070.95 – Deputy Sheriff Identification published April 1, 1996
- MPP 3-03/340.00 – Name Tags revised April 6, 2022
- MPP 3-03/340.01 – Name Tag Exceptions published April 6, 2022
- Adds Chapter 17.45 (commencing with section 7288) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, amends PC sections 538d, 538e, 538f, 538g, 538h, and 1299.07, and adds PC 13653 and 13654.