



SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAINING BULLETIN

TO: ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: Anthony Mata
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: PROVIDING INFORMATION
WHEN DISENGAGING**

DATE: August 31, 2022

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On August 24, 2022, Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services System (EMS) revised Policy #502 – PATIENT CONSENT AND REFUSAL FOR EMS SERVICES and Policy #616 – EMS LIFE SAFETY PROCEDURES. Both policies include the following:

If resolution is not forthcoming and law enforcement chooses to disengage with the subject, EMS responders should:

- 1. Confirm disengagement by the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction*
- 2. Determine that a crisis intervention team has been contacted*
- 3. Document that law enforcement disengagement has occurred and the reason for that disengagement*

In response, on August 29, 2022, The San José Fire Department (SJFD) released Special Bulletin #23-018 which states, when law enforcement chooses to disengage with a subject, EMS responders should (paraphrased):

- Respectfully request the highest-ranking law enforcement officer's name and badge number for documentation*
- Document whether a crisis intervention team has been requested by law enforcement on scene*
- After the above actions have been taken, EMS responders may return to service*

The EMS policy and SJFD special bulletin **do not** affect the SJPD Duty Manual. However, Department members will likely be asked for the above information and should provide it upon request. In the event, EMS or SJFD personnel do not agree with an officer's decision to disengage, a supervisor, if not already present, should respond to the scene.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Mata".

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Chief of Police

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