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Dear Chief/Sheriff:

During the last legislative session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1016, which has a number of significant implications on law enforcement operations, policies and training. The staff at the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) has been working with the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriffs Association and other organizations to prepare for the many changes that will occur when the bill takes effect on October 1, 2016. We have also been preparing for the initial meeting of the new Police Training and Standards Commission, which replaces the current Police Training Commission, also on October 1st.

One of the new mandates is that all agencies “post all of the official policies of the law enforcement agency, including public complaint procedures and collective bargaining agreements” on their websites, if they maintain one, and on the website of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. There are some exceptions that allow an agency to withhold policies that may jeopardize public or officer safety.

In order for PCTC to comply with our responsibilities, I am asking that as your agency posts your policies and collective bargaining information on your website, that you send us a link to that specific portion of your site. If your agency does not maintain a website, I ask that you provide us a PDF copy of the required documents.

This information and any inquiries about it can be sent to Jennifer Beskid via email to jennifer.beskid@maryland.gov.

As the new Commission works on and approves the other mandates of the legislation, we will communicate them to you. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

William J. McMahon
Acting Executive Director