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MEMORANDUM FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO: All Law Enforcement Chief Executives

Director, Division of Criminal Justice

County Prosecutors

FROM: Matthew J. Platkin, Attorney General

DATE: February 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Mandatory Re-Training for Attendees of Street Cop Training Program

In October 2021, certain New Jersey law enforcement officers attended a police training conference held by a private company, Street Cop Training, in Atlantic City (the "October 2021 Street Cop Training"). A report by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) found the training taught unconstitutional policing tactics, glorified violence, denigrated women and minorities, and likely violated state laws and policies.

Pursuant to the authority granted to me under the New Jersey Constitution and the Criminal Justice Act of 1970, N.J.S.A. 52:17B-97 to -117, which provides for the general supervision of criminal justice by the Attorney General as chief law-enforcement officer of the State to secure the benefits of uniform and efficient enforcement of the criminal law and the administration of criminal justice throughout the State, I hereby direct all current law-enforcement officers who attended, or in any way participated in, the October 2021 Street Cop Training to attend the following in-person re-training program.

The re-training program will be held on March 14, 2024 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the War Memorial, 1 Memorial Drive, Trenton. The program will include legal training on the Fourth Amendment and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination provided by the Division of

¹ Law-enforcement officer includes officers employed by law enforcement agencies created by the governing municipal body and promulgated by statute, including municipal police departments, county law-enforcement agencies, state law-enforcement agencies, and part-time municipal police.



Criminal Justice. It will also include a discussion between the Attorney General and guest presenters who will speak about their experience as survivors of law enforcement shootings.

All current officers who attended, or in any way participated in, the October 2021 Street Cop Training are required to attend the re-training. The OSC has provided my Office with a list of law enforcement members who were registered to attend. The list may be over inclusive as registrants may not have actually attended. The list provided by the OSC may also not include all attendees, participants, or presenters. Any current officers who appears on the list of registrants provided by the OSC, and attached hereto as Attachment A, who did not actually attend the October 2021 Street Cop Training must provide a written certification to that effect to their local County Prosecutor through their Chief/Officer in Charge by **March 5, 2024**. All listed officers who do not submit a certification by March 5, 2024, are required to attend the re-training.

Additionally, any current law enforcement officer who attended, or in any way participated in, the October 2021 Street Cop Training, but who is not listed on Attachment A, is required to self-report their Street Cop involvement to their local County Prosecutor through their Chief and/or Officer in Charge by **March 5**, 2024, and must attend the re-training.

County Prosecutors are directed to provide all certifications and notices of self-reporting to the Executive Director of the Office of Public Integrity and Accountability via email to Kim Jones at JonesK@njdcj.org, with a courtesy copy to the First Assistant Attorney General, by no later than **March 8, 2024**.

Failure to self-report and failure to attend the re-training may subject an officer to discipline.

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ATTEST:

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First Assistant Attorney General

Dated: February 18, 2024

Attachment A: List of known registrants provided by the OSC.