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Subject: **POST Announces the Release of the POST De-escalation Strategies & Techniques for California Law Enforcement Publication**

POST, with the assistance from subject matter experts across the country, has developed and released its *De-escalation Strategies & Techniques for California Law Enforcement Publication*. The Publication was designed to provide law enforcement agencies with data to assist in the development of training and policy, as well as help meet legislative and statutory requirements.

This Publication covers the comprehensive requirements and changes outlined in Senate Bill (SB) 230, which becomes effective on January 1, 2021, and Assembly Bill (AB) 392, which became effective on January 1, 2020. The content of these bills is detailed in the Publication.

SB 230 requires that each law enforcement agency adopt a policy regarding the use of force by no later than January 1, 2021. These policies must include, among other things, de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to force when feasible, specific parameters for the application of deadly force, and factors for evaluating and reviewing all use of force incidents. Under SB 230, each agency will be required to make its use of force policy accessible to the public.

This Publication can be found on the [POST Publications and Guidelines](#) webpage. Questions regarding the *De-escalation Publication* can be directed to POST Bureau Chief [Drew Wyant](#) at [\(916\) 227-3926](tel:9162273926).

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