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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FILE NO. 21-071

TO:

Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:

Ralph M. Terrazas, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: REVISION TO SECTION 11L. OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

FINAL ACTION: Approved	Approved w/Corrections	Withdrawn
——— Denied	Received & Filed	Other

SUMMARY

At the direction of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Department reviewed the language in Section 11L. of the Rules and Regulations. Based on this review, the Department drafted new language that will align Section 11L, with the Department's current organizational structure.

Section 11L. is intended to keep the Department informed of any interaction a member has with law enforcement which could potentially affect the member's ability to perform his/her duties and/or impact the Department in a negative manner.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

Approve to amend Section 11L. of the Rules and Regulations to read, "Notify the Department immediately, as prescribed in the Manual of Operations, if they have been arrested and/or have knowledge that they have been named as a suspect or principal in a written crime report or complaint filed with any law enforcement agency."

DISCUSSION

Currently, the Rules and Regulations, Section 11 L., states, "All members shall notify their supervisor immediately and Operations in writing, if they have knowledge that they have been named as a suspect or principle[sic] in a written crime report or complaint filed with any law enforcement agency."

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The current language does not address instances in which a member is arrested nor does it account for the fact that "Operations" was reorganized into Emergency Operations and Administrative Operations.

Upon revision of Section 11L. of the Rules and Regulations, the Department will publish a new subsection in the Manual of Operations, 3/1-35.45: SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, to provide specific instruction on notification procedures.

Board report prepared by David A. Perez, Battalion Chief, Planning Section.