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To All Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, Training Directors and Training Coordinators:

Public Safety Article 3-207(J), [HB 445, 2021 Maryland Legislative Session, Effective 10/01/21], requires the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, in consultation with the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, to develop and maintain a statewide training and certification curriculum that includes role playing exercises to ensure the use of best practices in the issuance of citations in lieu of arrest.

On July 13, 2021, the Police Training and Standards Commission approved a Lesson Plan and Training Materials developed in response to the above cited statute. As noted in the Lesson Plan, text input was solicited from the Anne Arundel County Police Academy, as well as several other police department academies that were previously instructing their recruits in this topic.

It is noted that the scope of charges that an officer may issue a citation, in lieu of arrest, has expanded and are noted in Criminal Procedures Article 4-101.

The Commission's approved Lesson Plan and Training Materials have been posted on the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions website (MDLE.net) under the Police Training and Standards Commission and the Training Resources buttons. The document is titled "Issuance of Citation(s) in Lieu of Arrest (PSA 3-207(J))".

These training materials must be incorporated into all instructional materials, effective October 1, 2021. The requirements of Public Safety Article 3-207(J) are for academy training as well as in-service training.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Wagner, Director of Police Training at robert.wagner2@maryland.gov or 410-875-3528 or me at albert.liebno@maryland.gov or 410-875-3600.

Respectfully,

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