

To: **Public Safety Committee**  
Through: **Nathan Burkett, City Manager**  
From: **Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police**  
Date: **September 7, 2021**

## Legislative Changes

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the 2021 Special Session, the Minnesota Legislature passed the Omnibus Public Safety bill which was over 250 pages of new laws, requirements, and modifications to current statutes.

I will go over some of the higher publicized changes as well as other items that were incorporated into the bill that will affect our operations.

The following is an outline of the changes that I will cover:

1. Sign and Release Warrants
  - a. Authorizes Sign and Release warrants for some offenses.
    - a. Requires officers to provide a court date and signature promising to appear. (2024 Implementation)
2. No Knock Warrant Reform
  - a. Must provide additional information to support a No Knock warrant including violence related activities.
    1. Does not affect our current operating procedures.
  - b. Application must be approved by a supervisor and the CLEO or designee.
    1. E-charging process will incorporate required approvals.
  - c. Quarterly reporting to the BCA on number of No Knock warrants applied for and approved / denied.
3. POST Board
  - a. Additional instructor requirements for course approval process.
  - b. Requires submission of course evaluations.
  - c. Extension of training funds.
  - d. Additional training requirements for Dementia and Alzheimer's.
4. Ignition interlock and DWI reform
  - a. This will not impact our current operations.
5. Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform
  - a. Increase dollar value threshold for forfeiture. This mostly deals with narcotics related forfeitures and will not affect our operations.
  - b. Several administrative changes that will not affect our operations.
6. Voluntary Intoxication Defense

- a. Codifies in statute that intoxication of a sexual assault victim is not a defense to violations of criminal law.
- 7. Report on Alleged Misconduct Database
  - a. Requires real time notification of alleged misconduct.
    - 1. Must be updated within 30 days of initial complaint.
    - 2. No clarity in what to report.
    - 3. Creation of new database within the department and at the POST Board.
- 8. Informants – Matthews Law
  - a. Requires Model Policy by POST
    - 1. We already have a policy
      - a. Some minor changes may need to be made.
      - b. Should not affect us too much.
      - c. Training required.
- 9. Travis’s Law
  - a. 911 system shall include referral to mental health crisis teams where available.
    - 1. What is being done now?
      - a. CAD entry “Responders shall refer to mental health crisis team if available”.
      - b. Where we need to go.
      - c. September 15<sup>th</sup> implementation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Fund:</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>Department:</b>		
<b>Account:</b>		

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Informational purposes.