



# Law Enforcement Training Board

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December 19, 2023

Re: Uniform statewide policies on Deadly Force  
and Defensive Tactics Training

Dear Indiana Sheriffs, Chiefs, Town Marshals, and Training Coordinators,

Pursuant to IC 5-2-1-1 and IC 5-2-1-9, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board ("LETB") has diligently worked to establish consistent and uniform statewide policies regarding the use of deadly force and training in defensive tactics.

Last year, the LETB adopted a uniform policy on deadly force, which was to become effective January 1, 2024. In the past year, the LETB has worked with accreditation agencies to amend portions of the statewide policy on the use of deadly force to align with the language detailed in *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989). During the LETB meeting held on October 23, 2023, a two-thirds majority of the LETB voted to amend the uniform statewide policy on the use of deadly force. The amended statewide policy on deadly force is attached.

The Board reviewed a training program to correspond with the new statewide policy on the use of deadly force. At the meeting held on December 18, 2023, the Board voted to approve the PowerPoint and move forward in developing a lesson plan and training video that will be reviewed at the meeting of the LETB held on February 19, 2024.

As the training program is continuing to be perfected, the Board voted at the meeting held on December 18, 2023, to adjust the implementation date of the statewide policy on deadly force. The amended statewide policy on deadly force will take effect on **July 1, 2024**. This will allow agencies sufficient time for implementation and training on the new policy. Following approval of the corresponding training program, which will include a lesson plan, a PowerPoint presentation, and a training video, Indiana law enforcement agencies will begin training their officers on the new statewide policy on deadly force to prepare for the implementation date of **July 1, 2024**. All materials necessary for the implementation and training of the statewide policy on deadly force will be provided to agencies and instructors by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Furthermore, the LETB adopted a Statewide Uniform Defensive Tactics Training Policy and Training Program on June 19, 2023. The Uniform Defensive Tactics Training Policy and corresponding training program will take effect on **January 1, 2024**. As of January 1, 2024, the mandatory in-service training requirement must comply with the statewide defensive tactics training policy and program. Statewide Zoom conferences have been conducted with defensive tactics instructors and agency training coordinators, to ensure comprehensive dissemination of all

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information needed to adopt and implement the uniform statewide policy and program on defensive tactics training.

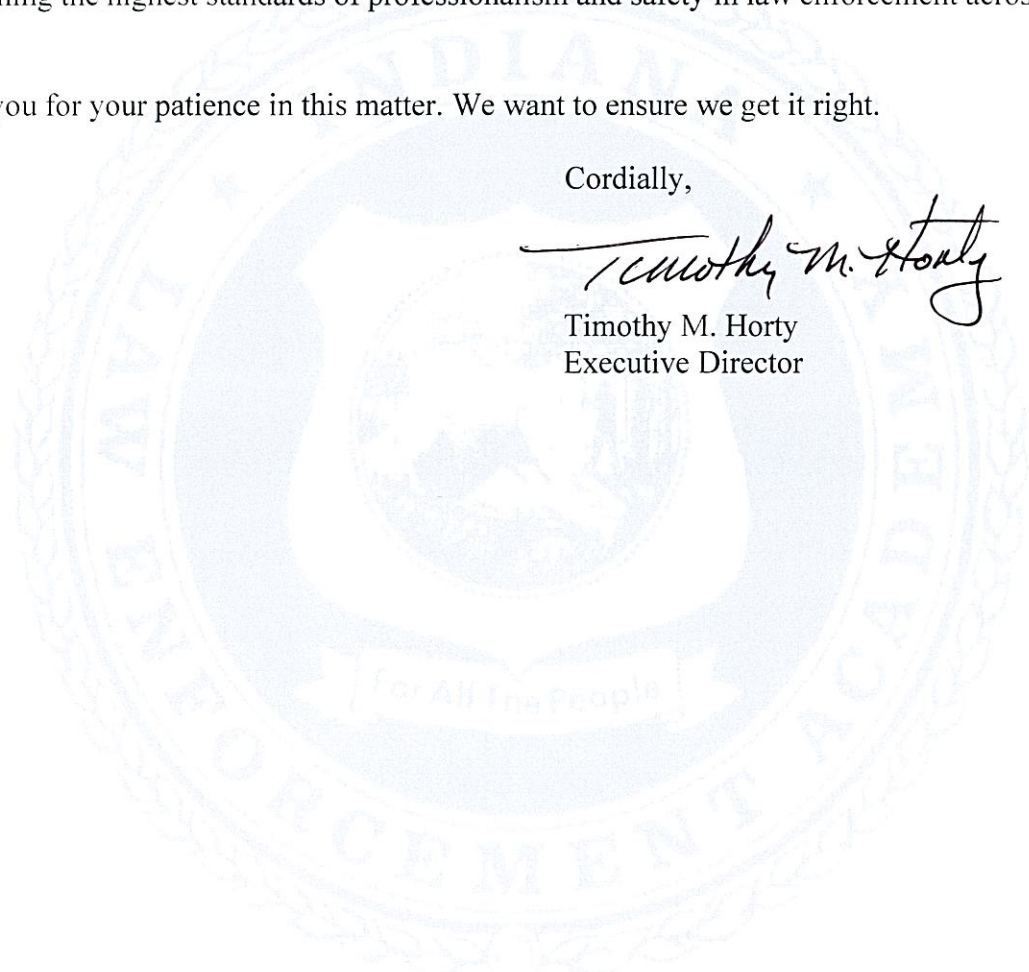
Cooperation in adhering to these standardized policies and training programs is crucial to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and safety in law enforcement across the state.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. We want to ensure we get it right.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Horty".

Timothy M. Horty  
Executive Director



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