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Subject: Chula Vista Police Department Switches to Encrypted Radio Communication

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On October 12, 2020, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) notified law enforcement agencies of significant changes to their confidentiality requirements regarding radio communications. These changes required that the radio communications of the Chula Vista Police Department be encrypted.

The new DOJ rules require law enforcement agencies encrypt all radio communications that contain Personally Identifiable Information (PII). PII information is information that can lead to the identity of an individual (name, address, phone number, identification numbers etc.). The Chula Vista Police Department may, while responding to emergencies or acting during its public safety mission, transmit PII over radio communications. Encrypting radio communications helps protect the confidentiality of members of the public and ensures that access to personally identifiable information is restricted to those lawfully authorized to receive it.

As a result, the Chula Vista Police Department, recently encrypted all radio communications and is now in compliance with Department of Justice regulations.

The Police Department remains committed to transparency in its operations but must also adhere to the lawful regulations of the Department of Justice. Our department will continue to communicate public information through traditional media sources, social media outlets, through public engagement, and our public website.

We will continue to partner with the community and provide the highest level of professionalism through fair, courteous, and compassionate service.

If you would like to read California Department of Justice Information Bulletin, #20-09-CJIS, Confidentiality of Information from the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS), please click this link: <https://oag.ca.gov/info-bulletins>

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