

## **Directive from Joint Explanatory Statement, Division G of P.L. 116-260**

**Federal Law Enforcement.***-The agreement notes that the explanatory statement accompanying the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021 directs the Attorney General to ensure implementation of evidence-based training programs on de-escalation and the use-of-force, as well as on police-community relations, that are broadly applicable and scalable to all Federal law enforcement agencies. The agreement further notes that several agencies funded by this Act employ Federal law enforcement officers and are Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers partner organizations. The agreement directs such agencies to consult with the Attorney General regarding the implementation of these programs for their law enforcement officers. The agreement further directs such agencies to brief the Committees on Appropriations on their efforts relating to such implementation no later than 90 days after consultation with the Attorney General. In addition, the agreement directs such agencies, to the extent that they are not already participating, to consult with the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI regarding participation in the National Use-of-Force Data Collection. The agreement further directs such agencies to brief the Committees on Appropriations, no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, on their current efforts to so participate.*

### **Actions taken to consult with the Attorney General regarding the implementation of evidence-based training programs on de-escalation and use-of-force, as well as on police-community relations.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service law enforcement officers and criminal investigators are trained at the Department of Homeland Security Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The Forest Service is actively working with FLETC to ensure the appropriate training is implemented and provided to our students and current staff. Although the Forest Service has not directly consulted with the Attorney General on the training, FLETC has consulted with the Attorney General and are preparing or delivering training that is consistent with the requirements identified for reporting.

### **Actions taken to consult with the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI regarding participation in National Use-of-Force Data Collection**

The Forest Service has procured a new law enforcement reporting system that will be fielded within the next six months. The system is capable of meeting the National Use-of-Force Data Collection requirements and will allow the Forest Service to report the appropriate data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Forest Service has worked with the FBI on this requirement and the National Instant Criminal Background Check Reporting System (NICS) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirement to ensure the new Forest Service system is compliant with all of these systems. The Forest Service has a draft policy to ensure that the appropriate data is gathered and reported.