

STATEWIDE POLICING POLICIES

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New Jersey is a national leader on policing issues, and these three policies reflect that continued commitment to excellence. By developing these policies collaboratively—in consultation with law enforcement and community stakeholders alike—the New Jersey Attorney General’s Office is working to strengthen trust across the Garden State.

“No-Knock” Warrants

- Allows no-knock provisions only to ensure officer or civilian safety.
- Requires trained tactical teams to execute no-knock warrants.
- Directs County Prosecutors to approve all no-knock provisions and collect data on their use.
- Establishes a default time period for all warrant executions.
- Instructs officers to take reasonable steps to identify the occupants prior to any warrant execution.

“Right to Record” Police Activity




- Outlines a bystander’s right to observe, audio and video record, comment on, or complain about officers conducting official duties in public, as long as the bystander has a legal right to be present.
- Describes actions that officers may not undertake against non-interfering bystanders, such as telling the bystander that recording is not allowed, or demanding identification.
- States that bystanders may not cross a police line simply because they have a recording device, and reminds officers that the law continues to prohibit conduct that purposely obstructs a government function.

Diversity in Law Enforcement Recruiting and Hiring

- Per N.J.S.A. 52:17B-4.10, describes the process by which each law enforcement agency in NJ shall establish a program to (1) identify underrepresented groups by comparing the population the agency represents to the composition of its officer force, and (2) take action to address underrepresentation.
- Sets forth procedures for collection and reporting of demographic data regarding recruiting, hiring, and promoting of law enforcement officers in NJ.



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