



# INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Inglewood Police Pledge Cooperation with DOJ Investigation**

Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks announced today that Inglewood Police Department will cooperate fully with a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into past procedures and tactics used by Inglewood police officers involving use of force.

The Justice Department alerted the city in a letter received March 11 that it is beginning a review.

"We will cooperate completely in all aspects of this investigation, just as we have done with a comprehensive, independent audit of the Department's policies and procedures that we requested and is already underway by the Los Angeles County Office of Independent Review," Seabrooks said.

A formal report and recommendations from the Office of Independent Review is scheduled to be delivered to the city of Inglewood by mid-April.

"We have been at work for months in implementing reforms aimed at improving how our officers go about their jobs, and we will continue to pursue efforts that heighten public safety, extend professionalism within the Department and allow us to maintain the community's confidence and respect," the Chief said.

Over the past 15 months, and in part a response to four officer-involved shootings in the City in 2008, Inglewood police have initiated a range of reforms designed to enhance professionalism and accountability.

Since November 2008, all Inglewood police officers are undergoing a customized 120-hour training program to strengthen tactical responses and improve decision-making in a range of situations, including incidents involving use of force. About 70 percent of the Department's more than 191 officers have completed or are currently participating in that training.

"We will continue to keep the community updated about our efforts," Chief Seabrooks said.

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