# MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Employee E-Mails Inspection



Audits and Inspections Unit Bureau of Internal Oversight Inspection Report February 23, 2017 Inspection BI2017-0010

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#### Memorandum



**To:** Lt. R. Morris S1014
Audits and Inspections Unit Commander
Bureau of Internal Oversight

From: Sgt. M. Rodriguez A9047 Audits and Inspections Unit Bureau of Internal Oversight

Subject: Summary of Findings Report

January 2017

Employee E-Mails Inspection BI2017-0010

**Date:** 02/23/17

The Bureau of Internal Oversight (BIO), Audits and Inspections Unit (AIU) will conduct Employee E-mail inspections on an ongoing basis. The purpose for the inspection is compliance with Office Policies, promote proper supervision, and support compliance with the Melendres Order. To achieve this, inspectors will select for review the e-mail accounts of 35 randomly selected Office Employees for the month being inspected. To ensure consistent inspections, the *E-mail Inspection Matrix* developed by the AIU will be utilized

#### **Matrix Procedure:**

Utilize the E-mail Inspection Matrix to ensure that the content of each randomly selected employee e-mail account is in compliance with Office Policies and in support of the Melendres Order.

#### Criteria:

MCSO Policy CP-2, Code of Conduct

MCSO Policy CP-3, Workplace Professionalism

MCSO Policy CP-8, Preventing Racial and Other Biased-Based Profiling

MCSO Policy GM-1, Electronic Communications and Voice Mail

Melendres Order (Paragraphs 22 and 23)

#### **Conditions:**

The 35 e-mail accounts totaled 10,876 e-mails for January 2017; however, only <u>8,786</u> e-mails were reviewed due to the elimination of normal MCSO business related e-mails such as; training announcements, administrative broadcasts, system generated e-mails, and unsolicited junk type e-mails.

The inspection found that <u>8,785</u> or <u>99.99%</u>, of the inspected e-mails were in compliance with Office Policies GM-1, *Electronic Communications and Voice Mail*, CP-2, *Code of Conduct*; CP-3, *Workplace Professionalism*; and CP-8, *Preventing Racial and Other Biased-Based Profiling*.

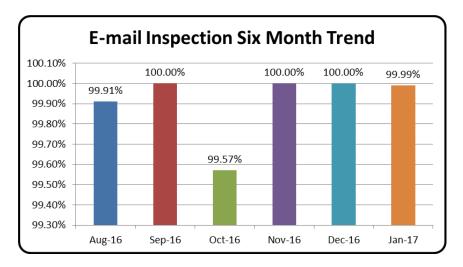
During the review of the selected e-mails accounts, the below listed employee was found to have sent e-mails that may not be in compliance with MCSO Policy GM-1, *Electronic Communications and Voice Mail*.

| <b>Employee Emails Inspected</b> | Commander  | Division                     |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Civilian Employee                | Lieutenant | 5082-Communications Division |

#### The following potential deficiency was noted:

E-mail sent included inappropriate content: Policy GM-1, Paragraph 1 states in part "...All electronic communications shall be professional in content and shall not be used in a manner that discriminates or denigrates anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religious beliefs, gender, culture, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability.

A historical comparison of the last six months of e-mail inspections indicates 100% compliance in three of the last six months.



#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. It is recommended that supervisors continue to provide mentoring to employees and review MCSO Policies CP-2, CP-3, and CP-8, specifically emphasizing the prohibition of employees from using county property, such as e-mail, in any manner that discriminates or denigrates anyone on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religious beliefs, gender, culture, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability. Continue to encourage and reinforce the need for employees to report any violations of Policies CP-2, CP-3, or CP-8 immediately to a supervisor
- 2. It is recommended that supervisors continue to provide mentoring to employees and review MCSO Policy GM-1, specifically emphasizing the authorized/unauthorized contents of e-mails and provide informal Microsoft Outlook program instruction to employees so that they better manage their Microsoft Outlook e-mail accounts, specifically in the areas of archiving/saving emails and emptying "Deleted Items" and "Junk E-mail" folders.

#### **Action Required:**

With the resulting <u>99.99%</u> compliance for *Inspection BI207-0010*, a total of <u>1</u> BIO Action Form is requested from the affected division addressing the potential deficiency. Please email the completed BIO Action Forms to <u>BIO@mcso.maricopa.gov</u> within 30 days from the date this report is published.

#### Notes:

All supporting documentation (working papers) is included in the inspection file number *BI2017-0010* and contained in IA Pro.

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## Audits and Inspections Unit Bureau of Internal Oversight BI2017-0010

| Inspection focus:   | <b>Employee E-Mails</b> |
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| <b>Date Inspection Started:</b>   | February 1, 2017        |
| Date Completed:   | February 23, 2017       |
| Timeframe Inspected:  | January 2017            |
| Assigned Inspectors:  | Sgt. M. Rodriguez A9047 |
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| Lieutenant Rick Morris Audits and Inspections Unit Commander Bureau of Internal Oversight | <u>02/23/17</u><br>Date |
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