



Santa Clara Police

Training Flash



COMPLACENCY & PROFESSIONALISM

In Law Enforcement “Complacency Kills”



Law Enforcement is a very tough profession. Complacency can creep in and cause us to, “Slip” up. This “Slip” does not start off with one gigantic officer safety issue. It starts off with cutting a corner here or there. To avoid this from happening we need to be accountable to ourselves, our teammates, our supervisors and our department. Recently, department members have noticed this “Slip” during training events. Take a moment to reflect internally and see if you are beginning to “Slip” in certain areas. We’ve been personally guilty of this and will be making immediate adjustments to get back on track. Here are a few things to reflect on as we move forward:

- “A PROFESSIONAL is someone who can do his/her best work when he/she doesn’t feel like it”
- Maintain personal & assigned gear so you are ready to protect yourself and your teammates when the time comes
- Immediately notify a supervisor if you are missing gear to get it replaced
- Failure to wear the assigned uniform of the day gives the impression to your teammates the standard does not apply to you
- As a professional, you are a representative of the Santa Clara Police Department. Represent your department with respect, dignity and integrity.

BOTTOM LINE:

We are operating in one of the most dangerous times in the history of Law Enforcement. We will need to hold ourselves accountable, hold each other accountable and not allow COMPLACENCY to sneak in and cause us to “Slip.”

STAY SAFE & CONTINUE TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.

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