MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff
FROM: COVID-19 Incident Command Center
SUBJECT: ICC Directive 20-42 (DMV CDL/CLP Extension)
DATE: October 1, 2020

Sheriff’s Office Personnel,

On September 30th, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced a possible delay for customers renewing an expired or expiring commercial driver license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP), and/or medical certification on record due to COVID-19.

While DMV has taken action to extend licenses and permits, the department will not update driver license records to reflect this extension. For those with expired medicals during this time period, eligible cardholder licenses and permits remain valid to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). A message indicating “LICENSE VALID PENDING REVIEW” status has been added to the record of eligible commercial drivers.

Due to this emergency, California law enforcement personnel are asked to honor the waivers mentioned above, recognize that CDLs and CLPs are extended (with or without a physical paper extension), accept a record with “license valid pending review” as valid, and are encouraged to exercise flexibility and discretion when reviewing DL records.

Please refer to the attached LEM 20-14 issued by the DMV for further information.