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TO: RICHARD RASMUSSEN
Office of Independent Review

FROM: JERRY P. DYER
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO OIR 2014 FIRST QUARTER REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS

In the Office of Independent Review's Quarterly Report, for the first quarter 2014, you recommended, "the FPD Firearms Training sessions re-emphasize that officers conduct a thorough check and maintain awareness of the "back drop" or background prior to firing their weapon."

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm that the Fresno Police Department's firearms training sessions are currently re-emphasizing that officers conduct a thorough check and maintain awareness of the "back drop" prior to the officers firing their weapon.

At times, as you are aware, the immediacy of the threat may be so serious that the officer may be required to shoot in order to stop the threat, and not be able to wait for the optimal backdrop situation.