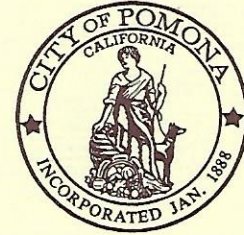


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Pomona's Future..."*

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Charles Watts
The Koga Institute
210 E. Fig Street, #103
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Dear Mr. Watts:

The Pomona Police Department has a long history with Robert Koga and the Koga Institute. Since the early 1980s, the Koga system of use-of-force training has been presented to every Pomona Police Officer. We incorporate arrest & control techniques, baton use, and self-defense techniques in our training program. A number of our department instructors have gone on to become instructors for the Koga Institute, instructors at our regional police academy, and have traveled nationwide to bring Robert Koga's system to numerous law enforcement agencies.

As use-of-force events receive greater scrutiny, it is important to me and our agency that we incorporate a complete system that trains an officer to think and act properly and responsibly. I believe this system does that. I have reviewed videos, investigations, and photographs of Pomona Police Officers exercising control when facing violent situations and unstable individuals. Oftentimes, the most successful use-of-force encounter is the one that does not require the exercising of force.

Pomona Police Officers respond to tens-of-thousands of calls-for-service and make thousands of arrests annually. Our uses-of-force remain very low in proportion to the large number of contacts we make. The uses-of-force we are involved in are characterized by control, reasonableness, and appropriateness. We have had instructors testify as subject-matter-experts in criminal and civil trials. Their ability to provide competent testimony is a testament to the Institute's training and preparation.

I am thankful and proud of the Pomona Police Department's decades-long history and relationship with the Koga Institute and its training principles. It is my intention to continue this successful training program within our agency. I am certain that those who follow me will remain committed to this system of training as well. I write this letter in recognition of the Institute's dedication and commitment to developing professional law enforcement officers. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. Capraro".

PAUL J. CAPRARO
Chief of Police