

## JARGON BUSTERS

### SAY THIS, NOT THAT

- Subject – suspect, man, woman, person, individual
- Vehicle – car, truck, SUV (once confirmed)
- Transported – taken
- Gave chase – ran
- Fled on foot – ran
- Apprehended – arrested, caught
- Expired – died, passed away
- 2200 hours – 10 pm
- Neutralized – Fatally shot, shot, or took into custody
- Rehab – rest or recovery
- Blaze – fire
- Fully engulfed – engulfed
- “Adult male” – man
- “Adult female” – woman
- Juvenile – boy, girl, child, teenager
- Exited the vehicle – got out of the car
- Robbery/homicide gone wrong – when is robbery or homicide right?
- Completely destroyed – redundant, so use destroyed
- “Upon arrival, officers/firefighters...” – When our officers/firefighters arrived
- Trooper (when referring to a helicopter) – helicopter
- Priority 1/2/3 – Life-threatening or non
- Went missing – disappeared
- Motorist - driver

### OTHER JARGON TO AVOID

- Working Code
- ALS/BLS
- Box Alarm
- Full Assignment
- C Shift
- PIC or OIC
- Wagon/Hook & Ladder/Buggy
- Strike Team
- Perpetrator
- Ensued
- Succumb
- Arrestee
- Assailant
- Decedent
- “Made a furtive gesture”
- Reference (as in "reference a criminal investigation")