



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

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I. Purpose:

It is the intent of El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority to adhere to all laws and regulations that apply to the organization, and the underlying purpose of this Policy is to support the organization's goal of legal compliance.

The support of all employees is necessary to achieving compliance with various laws and regulations. An employee is protected from retaliation only if the employee brings the alleged unlawful activity, policy, or practice to the attention of the JPA Board Chairman and provides the JPA Board Chairman with a reasonable opportunity to investigate and correct the alleged unlawful activity. The protection described below is only available to employees that comply with this requirement.

II. Policy:

If any employee reasonably believes that some policy, practice, or activity of El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority is in violation of law, a written complaint may be filed by that employee with the JPA Board Chairman.

El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority will not retaliate against an employee who, in good faith, has made a protest or raised a complaint against some practice of El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority, or of another individual or entity with whom El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority had a business relationship, on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law or a clear mandate of public policy.

El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority will not retaliate against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or a public body any activity, policy, or practice of El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule, or regulation mandated pursuant to law or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment.