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Report Type: Discussion



**Sacramento
Community Police
Review Commission
Report**

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Title: Discussion on Sacramento Police Department Use of Force Policy Recommendations

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

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Department: Office of Public Safety Accountability

Attachments:

1 – Use of Force Policy Recommendations

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Commission requested at the January 2019 meeting to review and discuss the previous Accountability Ad Hoc recommendations on the Sacramento Police Department's Use of Force Policy. Discuss those Use of Force policy recommendations and pass a **Motion** to approve any new Use of Force policy recommendations and submit to Mayor and Council

Policy Considerations: None.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: None

Financial Considerations: None

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable

Accountability Ad Hoc Recommendations

Use of Force and Pursuit

- Release specific statistics on use of force incidents that includes race/ethnicity/language of officers and subjects, type of crime or incident, type of weapon, resolution. Update IT so that data can auto-populate and be made available in a timely manner.
- Utilize a higher policy standard, such as “immediate threat” or last resort, instead of imminent threat for allowable use of force or otherwise reform the policy to raise the standard for allowable use of force.
- Review the policy on acceptable use of foot pursuit and ensure that the policy requires officers to consider their environment when deciding to engage in a pursuit and includes immediacy and scale of threat, pursuit conditions (visibility, etc), containment, de-escalation. Ensure that the policy clarifies that foot pursuit should not be initiated only because an individual is running, but should be considered based on information about criminal offenses or treats to public safety. In addition, discourage the discharge of a firearm at a fleeing suspect in most situations.

Body Worn Cameras

- Create a policy for use of BWCs, that specifies that unless a subject or witness requests (or, in the case of a minor, a parent), on camera, for the camera to be turned off, it shall remain on at all times (audio and video). Prohibit intentional obstruction of the camera view or sound. Consult with victims’ rights and sexual assault prevention organizations to develop this policy.
- Utilize a third party to audit camera footage randomly, not only review footage of critical incidents. The review should be for best practice not only legality.

Investigations and Discipline

- Conduct an analysis of the process and resources necessary to provide investigatory authority to the SCPRC in order to provide an independent investigation for each use of force incident.