



# Use of Force Policy Update



## Use of Force High Level Timeline

1. In early June, the Office of Support Operations & PRD **embarked on a review** of the Use of Force Policy
2. **BOPC submitted 19 recommendations** to the Department on updating the Use of Force Policy
3. **PRD reviewed the recommendations**, other departments' policies, and best practices. With this information, PRD updated the draft policy to include most of BOPC's recommended changes
4. PRD circulated the policy to the legal advisor, Professional Standards, and all units impacted by the policy changes for approval & updates
5. PRD updated the policy & the Department is ready to summarize the policy updates



## Use of Force Policy Updates – *Added*

- **DPD added a section on de-escalation**
- **DPD added a general prohibition of chokeholds**, and strictly prohibited any members from participating in training that teach any of the prohibited holds.
- **DPD added a general prohibition to shooting at a moving car** stating that in the rare instances where this is necessary, the burden of overcoming the presumption of non-compliance rests entirely with the DPD member.
- **DPD added a consideration for special populations** as a potential influence on a member's decision to escalate or de-escalate the amount of force used.
- **DPD added a duty to intervene** section in the Use of Force Policy & DPD also added a separate Special Order on the Duty to Intervene.

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## Use of Force Policy Updates – *Additional Changes*

- For any **subject offering inactive resistance**, members should consider **requesting a supervisor** for assistance **before escalating to force** beyond officer presence and verbal direction
- DPD added a **strict prohibition against shooting from a moving vehicle**.

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## Use of Force Policy Updates – *No Changes Made*

- DPD did not add sections on **when to report use of force incidents** as these were **already covered in 201.11 Use of Force Reporting**.
- DPD did not add the recommendation on a **use of force database** and **the early intervention system** as this information is covered in a separate Directive **Management Awareness System**.
- DPD did not add the recommendation on **retaliation** as it is **already covered** in the **Use of Force Policy (304.2 – 4.2)**.

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## Recommendations that require more analysis

- DPD did not add the requirement of **reporting to BOPC and state use of force data collection** as DPD needs to put a process in place to successfully report the data while safeguarding all CJIS information before inputting it into policy.
  - *DPD already reports Use of Force Incidents to the FBI database*

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## Next Steps

1. Once the Chief of Police signs off on the policy, **the policy is transmitted to the BOPC.**
2. **BOPC posts the policy publicly for 30 days** to allow for public comment.
3. **BOPC reviews the public comment**, the DPD policy, and considers whether to approve the policy or return the Directive to the Department with further revisions.
4. Should BOPC return the policy for further revisions, the Department shall restart the process at step #3 and repeat until the policy is approved by the BOPC.
5. Once the policy is approved, the Department uploads the policy on the Department's internal website and requires all members to review the policy.



Questions?