

Use of Force Reform Working Group

Meeting Minutes: Sept 3, 2020

Members in Attendance: (Please List)

Member task before this meeting: Review 2017-2019 Use of Force and Citizen Complaint Data

1. Call to Order WG Chair Mims
 - a. 5:36-5:37
2. Potential Voting Items WG Chairs
 - a. 5:37-5:38
 - i. Body Cameras - WG Chair Mims: what is the comfort level with voting on Body Cameras; Arch Grieve: Addresses voting eligibility, confirmed by Darius Beckham; no voting issues arose
3. Roll Call Vote Arch Grieve
 - a. 5:39-5:41
 - i. Arch Grieve: Administered Roll Call vote for Body Cameras recommendation:
 1. 16 votes “yes”: 0 votes “no” → Vote is Passed
 - b. 5:41-5:52
 - i. Annual Use of Force Reports -
 1. WG discusses details of the Annual Use of Force Reports details and the Recommendation process and the City Dashboard data. Matt Carper explains the third-party reporting process and discusses data scope for longer periods of time with Darius Beckham. Suggests annual reporting in tandem with 3-year study. WG weighs the cost of annual study and suggests following national trends. A longer study may be appropriate given the scope of data available to the Community on the Dashboard.
 - c. 5:52-6:01
 - i. Longer Studies in Tandem with Annual Reports and Community Dashboard
 1. WG considers the Annual Use of Force Reports vote. Dashboard data will be available to the community but this does not have the same weight as a recommendation. WG discusses the differences and relative pros/cons of data reports and conducting studies to draw conclusions upon which the Police Department can take action and make decisions.
4. Roll Call Vote Arch Grieve
 - a. 6:01-6:08
 - i. Arch Grieve and WG: Summarize the issue up for vote
 - b. 6:08-6:10
 - i. Arch Grieve: Administered Roll Call vote for Annual Use of Force Reports recommendation:
 1. 16 votes “yes”: 0 votes “no” → Vote is Passed

5. Use of Force and Citizen Complaint Data Overview

Lt. Eric Sheldon

- a. 6:11-6:15
 - i. Darius Beckham explains the agenda and purpose for the remainder of the meeting
 - ii. Arch Grieve and Commissioner Mims remind the WG of the importance of avoiding the use of generalizations during discussion in order for the group to function most effectively and respectfully.
- b. 6:15-
 - i. Lt. Eric Sheldon reviews the Use of Force Report with the WG.
 1. 6:21-Darius Beckham expressed concerns about the absence of discharge of firearms on the report and suggests adding it
 2. 6:23- Lt. Sheldon explains the injury portion of the report and the data entry process which allows multiple items to be checked.
 3. 6:23- Morgan Bryant and Lt. Sheldon seek to clarify the differences and overlap between “not visible,” “no injury,” and “not injured.”
 4. 6:25- TG Haire expresses concerns and Lt. Sheldon clarifies that a subject may return to the department to report injuries after the fact.
 5. 6:28- Lt. Carper reads O.R.C regarding the definition of “Obstructing official business.” Andrew Sexton offers examples.
 6. 6:30- Andrew Sexton and WG discuss the grounds of “reasonable suspicion” to charge a fleeing subject when the subject is later found to be innocent of the original cause.
 7. 6:32- Marc DeWitt expresses concerns over the tactical advantage factor for dealing with a stop. Lt. Sheldon explains how that typical scenario unfolds. Angelina Jackson directs the WG’s attention to the Bias-free Policing Policy 1.00-3 which appears to require that a reason for the stop be given.
 8. 6:36- WG would like data about situations when a subject who reportedly matches the description of a suspect and the identification later turns out to be inaccurate. This may be implicated in the occurrence of “obstruction” or “resisting” when the subject is misidentified.
 9. 6:40- Donald Domineck has concerns about probable cause, bystanders, search and seizure. Andrew Sexton explains the difference between probable cause and reasonable suspicion. Reasonable suspicion is a lower threshold to stop a subject. Bystanders can be charged with obstruction.
 10. 6:45- Rev D would like to examine the policy and practice surrounding pat-downs and searching pockets. Andrew Sexton explains the process for an officer’s need to lawfully detain a subject, articulate the reasonable suspicion, and to determine whether the subject is presently armed and dangerous. “Pat downs” are on the surface of the body or

under a thick layer of clothing such as a jacket. However, if contraband is found during a pat down, then a search of pockets is permitted.

11. 6:51 - TG Haire would like demographic and zoning data surrounding the occurrence of pat-downs and searches. WG discusses possible data reporting metrics for pat downs and searches to illuminate the issue.

6. Review Action Items and Adjourn

Darius Beckham

a. 6::57-7:00

i. Darius Beckham: reminds the group of WG's charter and to be respectful; We agree we should follow up on the Bias-free Policing policy before next meeting.

Member Task before the next meeting: See syllabus in Google Folder

1. Commissioner Mims will draft a memo of the WG's recommendations to the Mayor and Fellow Commissioners.
2. Plan to discuss Bias-free Policing policy 1.00-3 at next meeting