

Use of Force Reform Working Group

Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2020

Members in Attendance: (Please List)

Member task before this meeting: Review and provide feedback on [Use of Force video](#)

1. Call to Order and Introduction
 - a. 3:34-3:40
 - i. Introductions of group members not in attendance at last meeting and roll call;
 - ii. moment of silence for deceased group member, (NAME);
2. Debrief and follow ups
 - a. 3:40-3:42
 - i. recap of last meeting: guidelines and logistics, charter, CPC report review, Richard Stock's presentation of 2014-2017 CPC Report (working group requested 2018-2020 report)
 - ii. open for outstanding questions
3. Overview of Use of Force Video
 - a. 3:42
 - i. Review of guidelines and open for discussion
 - ii. Donald Dominek: expressed concerns that Written Use of Force Police Guidelines and Processes do not align with real-world experience of police use of force
 - b. 3:45
 - i. Marc DeWitt: Requests guidance to better understand the focus of group research
 - c. 3:46
 - i. Howard Jordan: Understanding the presentation and defining use of force
 - ii. Commissioner Mims: Expansion from Mr. Dominek regarding anecdotal information that Police Use of Force policies are not actually being followed by Police in the Field;
 - iii. Is enough effort being put behind ensuring policies are followed?
 - d. 3:51
 - i. Angelina Jackson: Reporting Use of Force- what happens after the citizen's appeal board goes to the city Manager? Eric Sheldon: Clarification
 - ii. Richard: Are chokeholds taught and practiced by Dayton Police? What tactics are used in practice? Matt Carper: Chokeholds are not used by the Dayton Police Dept. as a manner of force, however, may be employed in an exceptional, life-threatening situation. Officers are taught defensive tactics; making physical arrests while minimizing use of force.
 - iii. Understanding that not all national use of force topics (like chokeholds) apply to Dayton. Individual Departments throughout Ohio may vary.

- iv. Destry Fallen: does a use of force report only occur in the case of hospitalization? Lt. Sheldon: response, different reports are triggered depending on the level of force used.
 - e. 4:01
 - i. Jeff: What is the protocol from initial engagement for use of force before a report is filed? What transpires in a use of force incident?
 - ii. Pastor Corey Cunningham: Appropriate Use of Force and Noncompliance; TG Haire agrees/expands
 - f. 4:10
 - i. Kristin Brand: Discussion of Project Management, vision and goals of the working group
 - ii. Request for Testimonials and discussion about what is actually happening, regardless of policy
 - iii. Discussion of how the group can best function
 - g. 4:21
 - i. Commissioner Mims: Interaction between Police and subjects regarding noncompliance.
 - ii. Marc DeWitt: Addressing goals to get on the same page as a group.
 - h. 4:31
 - i. VISION discussion/Charter and Scope - What are we trying to achieve in the community?
 - ii. Darius Beckham: Focus remains Use of Force
 - i. 4:44
 - i. Review of Landing Page
 - ii. Consensus on what the goals of each meeting will be
 - iii. Sharing of clergy letter for policy reform
 - iv. Request for specific items to discuss at each meeting
- 4. Review Action Items and Adjourn
 - a. Request for more information like a presentation or list regarding Dayton Police Department's current Tactics for Use of Force - Matt Carper
 - b. Pastor Corey Cunningham: When it is appropriate to use force and how can we break that down? (Noncompliance) TG Haire: How are standards for appropriate use of force applied?
 - c. Andrew Sexton: Presentation on constitutionality of Use of Force
 - d. Testimonials from the community surrounding use of force
 - e. Darius and co-leads to refine meeting goals
 - f. Circulation of relevant policies surrounding use of force

Member Task before the next meeting:

Pastor Cunningham to send clergy letter to Darius Beckham

Darius Beckham to draft a "syllabus" for Use of Force Working Group: An overall plan for the use of our time. What is the vision, the goals & objectives, identifying the gaps, why do we have gaps, and then determining the success criteria for this group. Discussion is good...but what are we working to achieve specifically?