

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Director Ralph Meyer

FROM: Captain Rickey Lattie

SUBJ: Use of Force Review

In compliance with department policy an annual review of use of force incidents was conducted. I reviewed all available use of force reports and compiled statistics and observations. The final review is a compilation of the police leadership team's input through the use of force forms. In addition to the yearly review all use of force reports are reviewed in a timely manner by a supervisor after the incident.

The uses of force incidents for 2007 were judged to be within the department's use of force policy. In two incidents a weapon was displayed and hands on force were used in the same incident. The display of force is being used effectively to gain compliance and avoid physical confrontations. In one instance the Officer rated the use of force as ineffective. In another the Officer rated the force as somewhat effective. Both of these cases involved use of hands on force. All other uses of force were rated as effective. The AR15 rifle was added as a force option this year. The AR15 was displayed during this period in a use of force response. No evaluation of effectiveness is available since the suspect was not located on either occasion.

Video was used in most cases where it was possible. There are a couple of instances that point to a need to stress having the video on when initiating contacts. Remind officers that even just having the audio can be beneficial.

There were no injuries related to the use of force reported in 2007. The professional and reasonable manner that officers implemented force options appears to be a significant factor in this satisfactory result.

2007				
Force Type	Displayed	Deployed	Injuries Subject	Injuries Officer
OC	0	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0	0
Hands	0	3	0	0
Firearms	10	0	0	0
Taser	7	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Note: Displayed includes cases where the weapon was drawn and never shown.				
TOTAL USE OF FORCE	TOTAL INJURIES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	ARRESTS	
18	0	5356	290	

2007 Use of Force Timely Review	
Supervisor reviewing the use of force report had been on the scene.	9
Supervisor reviewing the use of force report had not been on the scene.	9
Incident on video.	5
No video.	13
Video use not reported.	0

2006				
Force Type	Displayed	Deployed	Injuries Subject	Injuries Officer
OC	0	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0	0
Hands	0	2	1	0
Firearms	11	0	0	0
Taser	14	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Note: Displayed includes cases where the weapon was drawn and never shown.				
TOTAL USE OF FORCE	TOTAL INJURIES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	ARRESTS	
28	1	5245	385	

2006 Use of Force Timely Review	
Supervisor reviewing the use of force report had been on the scene.	13
Supervisor reviewing the use of force report had not been on the scene.	15
Incident on video.	13
No video.	14
Video use not reported.	1

2005				
Force Type	Displayed	Deployed	Injuries Subject	Injuries Officer
OC	0	0	0	0
Baton	0	0	0	0
Hands	0	1	0	0
Firearms	19*	0	0	0
Taser		1	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Note: Displayed includes cases where the weapon was drawn and never shown.				
*Firearm and taser displays were recorded as an aggregate prior to 2006				
TOTAL USE OF FORCE	TOTAL INJURIES	CALLS FOR SERVICE	ARRESTS	
21	1	4419	432	