RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0215

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

June 30, 2020

Adopting a Use of Force Policy and Rescinding Resolution No. 2016-0417

BACKGROUND

A. The sanctity of life is inviolable, and every person is precious.

B. It is an unfortunate reality that the men and women sworn to protect us may have to use deadly force.

C. By providing a policy framework to the City Manager and Chief of Police to guide the development and implementation of a use of force policy, the City Council is exercising its policy making authority.

D. A guiding principle of this policy is to use the minimum amount of force necessary in any given situation.

E. Clear and timely communication with the families of those impacted, as well as the public, is a priority for the City Council.

F. Developing and maintaining a professional and highly trained police force is imperative.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Resolution No. 2016-0417 is rescinded.

Section 1. The Use of Force Policy attached as Exhibit A is hereby approved.

Section 2. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is hereby authorized to take administrative actions and develop procedures to implement the Use of Force Policy.

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Exhibit A – Use of Force Policy

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on June 30, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: Mindy Cuppy

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.
The sanctity of life is inviolable, and every person has a right to be free from excessive use of force by officers acting under the color of law. Developing and maintaining a professional and highly trained police force is imperative. In an effort to guarantee that all lives are protected and valued in the City of Sacramento, Council is adopting the following policy that requires the City Manager to ensure the police:

A. Comply with all State legislation.
B. Prohibit the carotid artery hold and chokehold.
C. Prohibit the use of no-knock raid warrants regarding narcotics.
D. Develop and issue specific guidelines for the type of force and tools authorized for a given level of resistance.
E. Are issued and carry less lethal weapons and body worn cameras.
F. Do not move in front of or shoot at moving vehicles unless the person poses a threat with a weapon other than the vehicle or has exhibited a specific intent to use the vehicle as a weapon.
G. Intervene when an officer observes another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances, and when in a position to do so, to prevent the use of unreasonable force and report the incident to their immediate supervisor as soon as reasonably possible.
H. Receive ongoing explicit & implicit bias training, do no harm training, race and society training, and training in de-escalating encounters with the public to include individuals with physical, mental health, developmental or intellectual disabilities.
I. Are trained in basic first aid and render such aid as soon as safe to do so after a deadly force incident and immediately notify EMS.
J. Make reasonable attempts to shield the public's view of the body after a deadly force incident.
K. Ensure immediate family members of a subject that has died as a result of police use of force or while in custody are made aware of the circumstances surrounding the incident.
L. Release all video directly associated with a deadly force incident or in-custody death. The family of the decedent will be offered the opportunity to review the video prior to public release. If the video cannot be made public before the 30th day after the incident, the City Manager shall seek a waiver from the Council.