GO 580.02 Use of Force

SPD’s UOF policy is outdated and not aligned with changes to state law.

Amend GO 580.02: Adopt the "necessary" standard for use of force included in AB 392 (Weber-2019) and recommended by the SCPRC including a definition for UOF.

Community trust in law enforcement is undermined when force is used unnecessarily and disproportionately. Police are less able to do their job when community distrust leads to decreased respect and cooperation, a situation that increases the risks to officers and civilians.

In 2021, SPD’s use of force policy was updated to reflect AB392 and contains a verbatim citation of Penal Code § 835a.

As of October 2023, a revision of the department’s use of force policy contains the following:

- Verbatim citation of Penal Code § 835a
- Included, but not limited to, definitions of crisis intervention techniques, de-escalation, excessive force, force definitions, intercede, and levels of resistance
- Compliance with Government Code § 7286 (link)

City Council Meeting on 06/30/2020, City Council Policy, Police Use of Force

City Council Meeting on 05/04/2021, Mayor Darrell Steinberg memorandum, Deadly Use of Force Recommendation

APPENDIX

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