SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 580.02 Use of Force

SPD policy does not require drug testing of peace officers after a UOF incident.

Amend GO 580.02(L)(6): Require mandatory drug testing for police officers within 24 hours following a UOF incident leading to a death or serious bodily injury. Add a new line under Section L, subsection 6 using the following language:

d. The involved officer(s) shall submit to chemical testing for use of drugs or alcohol by use of handheld preliminary blood alcohol device at the scene and later transported to a medical facility for blood test or to police station for breath test via breath machine. Testing at medical facility or police department shall be conducted within 2 hours to preserve evidence, if any.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

It is important to ensure that when peace officers are making life and death decisions their judgement not be impaired.

While investigations into officer-involved shootings routinely include drug testing for people killed by a peace officer, SPD's UOF policy does not require officers to submit to drug testing after they shoot or kill someone.

SPD RESPONSE

At this time, drug testing of officers after a use of force cannot be implemented as this topic is a contractual issue subject to labor agreements.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Council Meeting on 06/1/2021, City Council Policy, Police Use of Force
- 2:30PM City Council (Special Meeting) (granicus.com)
- Microsoft Word - 04022013 Agenda (granicus.com)

APPENDIX

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