

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2019 UOF #5

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	12/31/2019	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SCPRC	10/09/2023	PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 580.02 Use of Force

SPD culture maintains a "warrior" mentality that is not conducive for protecting or serving a civilian population during peacetime.

Changes to Existing Policy(s): Change "police officer" to "peace officer".

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

As a profession, policing has veered from the ideal that "police are the people, and the people are the police," toward a culture and mindset more like warriors at war with the people they are sworn to protect and serve. Changing from "warrior" to a "guardian" mentality in the profession puts emphasis on protecting community members. Law enforcement officers with this mentality emphasize creating and strengthening relationships with the people in their community, rather than relying on force or enforcement tactics.

SPD RESPONSE

SPD has adopted this change and revised GO 580.02 (Use of Force) in 2021.

Additionally, as other general orders are revised, the term "police officer" is replaced with "peace officer" or "employee."

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

N/A