RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM
2019 UOF #7

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SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

GO 580.02 Use of Force

SPD UOF policy is outdated, uses vague or overly broad terms, and does not align with AB 392.

Amend GO 580.02(A)(5): Add language giving clear examples of de-escalation techniques.

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

SPD's UOF policy does not specify the de-escalation techniques an officer is trained to deploy.

SPD RESPONSE

Based on the wide variety of circumstances that an officer may face when interacting with individuals who may be experiencing emotional or mental health crises, SPD is unable to provide exact examples of de-escalation techniques.

However, GO 580.06 (De-Escalation and Planned Response – link) was produced on 12/01/2020 and complies with the National Consensus Policy and Discussion Paper on Use of Force. This policy focuses on the role of law enforcement and provides concepts to safely resolve situations based on concepts of planning, time, assessment, and communication.

Starting in 2021, the Critical Decision-Making Model has been instructed in the police academy and mandatory annual Continued Professional Training (link).

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 retains the verbatim citation of Penal Code § 835a(e)(3) and existing definition of de-escalation.

Lastly, the ongoing revision of the department’s use of force policy contains the following:

- Compliance with Government Code § 7286 (link)

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

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

N/A