First and foremost, SPD must adopt the "last resort" standard for use of potentially deadly force. Requiring officers to utilize deadly force only when no reasonably effective alternative exists will save the lives of those experiencing mental health crises, especially people of color.

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“Last resort” language was adopted by Mayor and City Council on 05/04/2021:

Since, the following language has existed in SPD’s use of force policy:

> It is the policy of the Department that a peace officer is justified in using deadly force upon another person only as a last resort when reasonable alternatives have been exhausted or are not feasible and the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that such force is necessary.

Additionally, SPD’s use of force policy was updated to reflect AB392 and SB230.