



USE OF FORCE RECOMMENDATION #40

**Ensure Blue Team Reports
Include Thorough Information**



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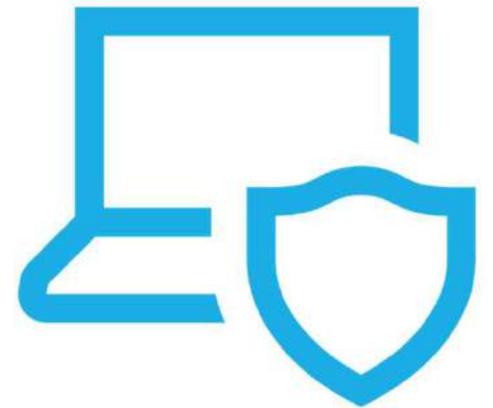
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OBJECTIVE

To uphold the department's mission by increasing the accountability of first line supervisors to document the investigations of use of force. This outcome improves the department's ability to correct any policy and training deficiencies related to use of force.



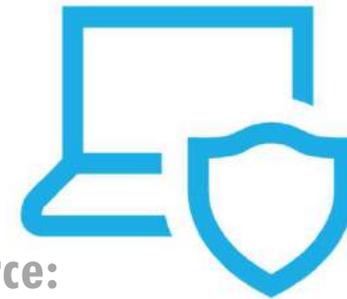
RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS

MPD should ensure that Blue Team reports (the software MPD uses to record use-of-force incidents) includes;

- *A thorough description of the incident*
- *Names of all officers and subjects involved*
- *Circumstances surrounding the use of force*
- *Document the steps of the investigation*
 - *Who was interviewed*
 - *What materials were reviewed*
- *Document the findings*



Current Policy:
Use of Force Reporting Protocols
DPM 2.1.45



Sergeant Responsibilities on a reportable use of force:

Respond to the scene to;

- Obtain basic facts from involved officers
- Conduct initial review of application of force
- Ensure medical treatment is provided
- Ensure evidence and photographs are collected
- Ensure members using force document the use in a written report

Use of Force Report (documentation)

- Reason
- Service being rendered
- Injuries/ hospitalization
- Was subject Arrested
- Size of the subject
- Distance from subject
- Was force effective
- Impairment or mental illness
- Type of resistance
- Witnesses – citizen(s) and employee(s)

Post Incident;

- Ensure written reports completed at end of shift and reviewed
- Document determination of use of force
 - No issues identified after initial review
 - Additional review required
- Route Uoff Report to appropriate Lieutenant
- Copy Division Commander

Blue Team



Mesa PD
Use Of Force Report

- Return to the prior page.
- Return to the main menu.
- Print this incident.
- Share this incident.

Incident Entered By: Police Lieutenant Martin - 10057

Incident Details

Date Received	Date of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence
10/26/2019	10/23/2019	10:00

Record ID #: 10244 DR Number: 2019-102340125 File Number:

Date/Time Entered: 10/26/2019 09:30

Incident Summary

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The limitation of the current form in Blue Team is there is no guidance for what needs to be added in this section.

Incident Location

Use of Force Specific Information

Reason for Use of Force	Service Being Rendered
Other	Other

Weather Condition	Lighting Condition	Distance to Citizen

Citizen Injured	Citizen Taken to Hospital	Citizen Arrested
No	No	No

More than 1 Citizen Involved: No

Citizen's Build: Citizen's Height:

Employee Assessment of Citizen Condition at Time of Incident

Employee(s) Injured	Employee(s) Taken to Hospital
No	No

Reporting/Involved Citizen Information

Test Test

DOB: Race: Ethnicity: Gender: Male

Role

Type of Resistance Citizen Used Against Employee(s): Active Resistance

Injuries sustained by this citizen

Injury	Regions	Injury Locations
Bruse/Abrasion	10, 11	1, 2, 2 *

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Condition: X

Involved Employee

Test ID Number: 10244 Badge Number:

Incident Details

Be sure to save any changes before navigating to a different tab.

Details of Occurrence

Incident Type: Use of Force File Number: (none)

DR Number: 2019-102340125 District/Unit Assigned To: Policy Review Unit

Date Received	Date of Occurrence	Time of Occurrence
10/26/2019	10/23/2019	1000

Summary of Occurrence

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Force Type: Impact Weapons

You cannot add strike points when Non-Contact Force is selected.

Force was Effective: Yes (selected)

Non-Contact Force: Device was displayed only or was a non-physical force type

Add

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Missed: X

Involved Citizen

Test, Test - Male

Role: Resistance Offered by Citizen: Active Resistance

Charges: Injuries Caused to Citizen: Bruise/Abrasion

Involved Employee

Test, -- ID Number: N3386

Role: Force Used by Employee: Impact Weapons - Effective

Injuries Caused to Employee: No injuries noted or visible Additional Evidence Data: Video Footage: Yes

Citizen Witnesses

Test, Name - Male

Role:

Employee Witnesses

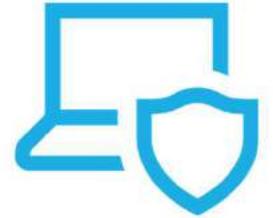
GAP ANALYSIS

Recommendation;

Documentation of the circumstances surrounding the UofF should include;

- a) Results of the force used
- b) Document steps of the investigative process
- c) Who was interviewed
- d) What materials were reviewed
- e) Document Findings

Current Report Form (Blue Team)



- a) Answers if force was effective
- b) Does not mandate this
- c) Blue team does not answer who was interviewed
- d) Blue team does not answer what materials were reviewed
- e) By policy, a sergeant must give a determination of;
 - “No issues identified after initial review.”
 - “Additional Review required.”

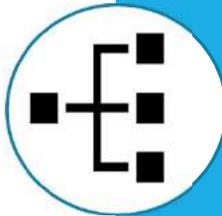
INDUSTRY TRENDS

Tucson PD –Supervisor responsibilities

- ❖ Respond to the scene;
- ❖ Identify involved parties and witnesses;
- ❖ Identify and preserve evidence;
- ❖ Appropriately classify the type of force incident;
- ❖ Make investigative and command notifications;
- ❖ Ensure that involved and witness officer reports are thorough and accurate;
- ❖ Document investigative actions taken.

Chandler PD – Supervisor responsibilities

- ❖ Respond to the scene;
- ❖ Ensure no injuries;
- ❖ Review subordinate's report;
- ❖ Initiate and conduct administrative investigation;
 - Location, date and time
 - Reason
 - Details of weapons used (make,model)
 - Photographs
 - Witness statements
 - Other information unique to investigation



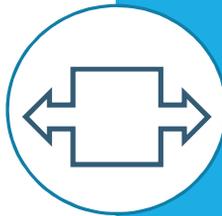
Pros and Cons

Pros for adopting the recommendation;

- ❖ *The Department will make the best decisions with the most complete information*
- ❖ *Anticipating the needs of our agency and law enforcement in general is forward thinking*

Cons for adopting the recommendation;

- ❖ *Balance of time to collect info versus the need*





PROPOSED ACTION

MPD should add to the Uoff report in Blue Team additional information to include;

- *Circumstances surrounding Uoff*
- Results of the force used
- Actions taken in the investigative process
 - Who was interviewed
 - Name materials reviewed
 - Specify the findings



DISCUSSION