

Use of Force Workgroup Recommendations

Use of Force Standard

- Adopt the “necessary” standard for use of force included in AB 392 (Weber-2019) and recommended by the SCPRC including a definition for UOF.

Duty to Render Aid

- Duty to render aid should be a stand-alone policy.
- Officers should render medical aid as soon as possible.

De-escalation

- De-escalation tactics shall be used unless a life is in immediate danger as referenced in AB 392 (Weber – 2019).
- Include language giving examples of de-escalation techniques.

Foot pursuit

- Under factors to consider when initiating, continuing or terminating a foot pursuit:
 - Include the gravity of the suspected activity.
 - Include: The officer initiating a foot pursuit should always, unless physically unable, activate their Body Worn Camera. If physically unable, an officer shall activate their body worn camera as soon as physically able and follow policy.

Reporting

- Reporting policies should be a stand-alone policy. Referencing reporting policies should be done in other policies/orders.
- Specify in policy the three different levels of UOF.
- Seizures shall be treated as use of force and reported under a level.
- UOF reporting discretion should be removed – all UOF should be reported.
- When use of force is used leading to a death or serious bodily injury, require a mandatory drug test of police officer within 24 hours of the incident.

Over all language – “guardian mindset”

- Change “police officer” to “peace officer.”