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Police Commission

To: Chair Regina Jackson, Chair Oakland Police Commission

From: Use of Force Ad Hoc Commission Representatives

Date: March 5, 2020

RE: Use of Force Ad Hoc Bi-Weekly Report

Background

In January 2020, the Oakland Police Commission voted to approve a new version of Department General Order (DGO) K-03 Use of Force. As a part of the discussion about approving The new K-03 to be in compliance with AB 392 an act to amend Sections 196 and 835a of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers, effective January 1, 2020. The Oakland Police Commission and Oakland Police Department collectively asserted during this meeting that the ultimate goal to best serve the community is a more comprehensive revision of K-03. Members of the Use of Force Ad Hoc (UOF Ad Hoc) agreed to reconvene to complete the comprehensive revision. Subsequently, at the January 16th meeting of the UOF Ad Hoc the committee worked to establish purpose and goals for the revision of K-03 and referenced Training Bulletins. During the February 27, 2020 Oakland Police Commission the UOF Ad Hoc committed to produce regular reports on the progress of the revision process.

Meeting Update

The UOF Ad Hoc met on Thursday March 5th. The meeting content focused on De-Escalation goals, considerations, resources, tactics, techniques, and principles. The committee proposes the creation of an entire section devoted to De-Escalation. The emphasis on De-Escalation reinforces the priority that thoughtful resolutions to situations reduce the likelihood of harm to all persons involved. Including a section devoted to De-Escalation in Use of Force policy is a national best practice.

The committee reviewed sections from the following model Use of Force policies during the course of the meeting;

- Albuquerque, NM
- Camden, NJ
- Cleveland, OH
- Denver, CO
- Seattle, WA

The UOF Ad Hoc completed review of the De-Escalation section during the committee meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19th.