Use of Force Recommendation 28

Guidance for

Reiterating in Policy that All Subjects Exposed to Electronic Control Weapon Receive Medical Evaluation

Agenda

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Recommendation Highlights

- *Reiterate in Use of Force Policy:*
  - ➢ *Subjects who have been exposed to a Conducted Energy Weapon application receive a medical evaluation by:*
    - *Emergency medical responders or;*
    - *At a medical facility*

*PERF makes note that this information **is** in the Conducted Energy Weapon Policy, but suggests it **also** be placed in the general Use of Force Policy.*

Gap Analysis

- PERF Recommendation

Include specific information reference medical evaluation after TASER application in the general Use of Force Policy.

- Current Policy

➢ This is mentioned in one policy but not in the Use of Force policy.

➢ Use of Force policy does reference medical treatment, but it has a different meaning than PERF's recommendation.

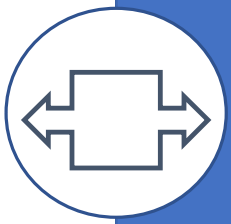
Pros and Cons (Discussion Points)

*Reasons **to** adapt the recommendation*

- ❑ We agree individuals who have received an CEW deployment should be afforded medical evaluation and this should be in policy.
- ❑ The expanded policy will remove the officer's interpretation of "Ensure medical treatment is provided when appropriate."
- ❑ If something is mission critical, it is worth repeating (or at least including in two separate policies).

*Reasons **against** adopting the recommendation*

- ❑ None



Committee Feedback

- No objection by committee related modifying policy
- Questions were asked if officers checked for Medical Alert Bracelets and if Mesa Paramedics had specific training related to Tasers.

Final Guidance

To proceed with PERF's recommendation by adding identical the language to the Use of Force Policy;

- *"As soon as it can be done safely, members shall have medical personnel examine any subject exposed to a CEW activation."*

Discussion