Use of Force Recommendation 62

Guidance for

Release Data on Use of Force on an Annual Basis

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Recommendation Highlights

- *The recommendation is to release data on the department's Use of Force on an annual basis.*

- *This report should present the public with detailed information on the trends identified in Use of Force for that year.*

- *PERF has made the recommendation to improve transparency and accountability within the department.*

Gap Analysis

Recommendation

Annually release a Use of Force Report to the public.

Current Policy

- Currently, the Use of Force statistics are only provided upon public records request.

- The Proficiency Skills Unit does tally Use of Force statistics;
  - *for internal use*
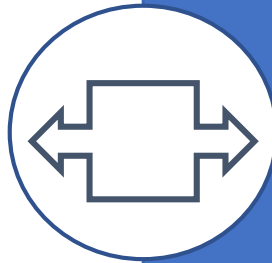 - *to voluntarily submit to the FBI - National Use-Of-Force Data Collection initiative.*

Pros and Cons

*Reasons **for** adopting the recommendation;*
- *The data is already collected*
- *Allows MPD to control the narrative. Example;*
  - *How infrequent the number of Use of Forces are on a per call or per arrest basis*
  - *Can explain the arrestee's behavior which resulted in a Use of Force*
- *Promotes transparency to external customers*

*Reasons **against** adopting the recommendation;*
- *Presented in the wrong context can cause PR damage*
- *If done with too much detail, this could be unsustainable*

Committee Feedback

- *Andre Miller* – Helps him as pastor to have a place to go to show facts to the community who make assumptions or have false information.
  - Prefers online where it is accessible to the younger generation
  - Like to see all information available with demographics of officer/arrestee relationship and maps
    - OIS
    - Deployment of less-lethal options
    - Use of canines

- *Michael Scott (ASU)* – Data to show a constant story, on an ongoing basis vs a big dump of data.

- *Dr William Terrill (ASU)* – Offered to show examples to give data context, more importantly, in context to the level of resistance

Final Guidance

Adopt PERF's recommendation for Mesa PD to release the department's Use of Force data.

Further guidance needed;

1. Where to display data (Annual Report, MPD Homepage, Open Data Portal, Other)

2. What unit is responsible

3. What frequency should the data be released

? Discussion