



Use of Force Recommendation 25

Guidance for

*Combine "Strikes" and "Limited Strikes"
into One Category*



Agenda

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Recommendation Highlights

- *PERF suggests MPD should combine the terms “strikes” and “limited strikes” into one category to streamline policy and training.*
- *PERF states because the only difference between the two is the location of the strike, and location is already noted in the BlueTeam Use-of-Force Report, separating the two terms is unnecessary.*
- *PERF states both definitions refer to a hands-on approach, and there is little utility in keeping these two categories separate.*

Gap Analysis

Recommendation

- Remove “Limited Strikes” and merely keep “Strikes” in both policy and BlueTeam.

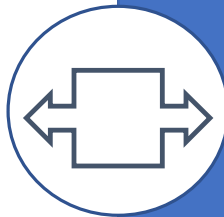
Current Policy

- Both “Strikes” and “Limited Strikes” terms and definitions are included in two **Use of Force** policies.
- Both are included in BlueTeam Use of Force tracking as categories.
- Both are taught in training as well.



Discussion Points

- *Although a Limited Strike is a Strike, there are distinct differences.*
 - *Strike: More than a minimal chance of injury*
 - *Limited Strike: Targets large muscle groups and nerves, minimizing chance of injury*
- *Training tallies statistics from both categories in BlueTeam.*
 - *Eliminating Limited Strikes would make statistical tracking more burdensome.*
- *Industry trends indicate many agencies are utilizing the concept of a Limited Strike, even if they use different terms.*
- *We are trained on Limited Strikes; it's good to have a definition in policy.*
- *Limited Strikes give officers additional, proportional options that minimize risk (i.e. active resistance).*
- *It's a simple term for Recruits & Officers to understand, which helps with training—a strike to limited target areas.*
- *We can still streamline policy without eliminating Limited Strikes altogether.*



Committee Feedback

- The Committee was in agreement, that both “Strikes” and “Limited Strikes” should remain in policy as separate terms/definitions, and separate categories in BlueTeam Use of Force reporting.



Final Guidance

DO NOT adopt recommendation.

- *Only include the terms/definitions in **Use of Force Philosophy & Definitions** policy; no need to list the terms/definitions twice.*
 - *This meets PERF's goal of "streamlining policy".*
- *Instead of removing "Limited Strikes", include it as a subcategory of the "Strikes" definition for ease of understanding.*
- *Otherwise, keep policy, BlueTeam Use of Force reporting, and training the same.*



Discussion