

Use of Force Recommendation #11

Guidance for

Consolidate the current use-of-force policies



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Recommendation Highlights

Consolidate the current **eleven** Use of Force related policies;

Or

Any policies that MPD determines should remain separate, should still be enhanced by adding the dept's use-of-force philosophy and relevant definitions to each stand-alone policy.

Gap Analysis

PERF's Recommendation

Consolidation of policies;

- Avoids chance revisions are not uniformly applied
- Ensures dept's use-of-force philosophy is clear

Current Policy

- There are at least 11 policies which address the use of force
- The department's philosophy on the Use of Force is not repeated at the beginning of each policy.
- Definitions are found on 2.1.1 and not repeated on individual policies.



Discussion Points

- MPD's policies were designed to fit the format of paper binders.
- PERF's report repeatedly points out the current format is problematic.
- > PowerDMS is based on searches by the user.
- Most agencies have adopted the consolidation of policies and keeps the verbiage to a minimum.
- Hyperlinks and table of contents can assist users to find information.



Committee Feedback

Committee was in support of the change.



Further Analysis

None



Final Guidance

Consolidate MPD's current eleven Use of Force related policies.

If the department deems any UoF policy should stand alone, then ensure the dept's UoF philosophy and relevant definitions are included with each policy.





Discussion