

## Use of Force Recommendation 12

*Guidance for: Professional Standards to Provide Findings During Investigations* 



## Agenda

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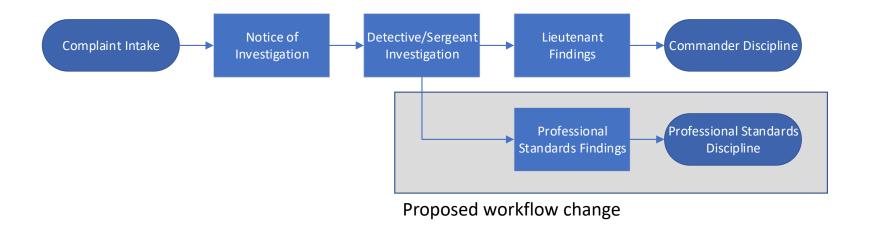
#### Recommendation Highlights

**Recommendation 12** 

 Professional Standards should be in charge to make recommendations as to whether an NOI should be sustained, unfounded or exonerated.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)

#### **Current & Proposed Process**



### **Regional Trends**

Agency	Provide Findings	IA/PS Staffed with all Sergeants
Phoenix PD	Х	X
Tempe PD	X	X
Scottsdale PD	X	X
Chandler PD	Х	Х

#### **Discussion Points**

Reasons *for* adopting the recommendation:

- Investigator able to provide input on findings
- Consistency with findings

#### Reasons **against** adopting the recommendation:

- PS Currently staffed with 2 sergeants and 3 detectives
  - Detectives would be required to provide findings (supervisory function)

#### Committee Feedback

- Front-line supervisor should part of the decision making.
  - Argument made that there is a greater likelihood of the investigation being downplayed if the direct supervisor was involved in recommendations.
- Research indicates command level investigations have greater racial disparity.
  - More agencies are moving away from the command level recommendations and moving towards I/A making recommendations.

#### Final Guidance

Adopt PERF's recommendation for Professional Standards to provide findings with a modification that the Professional Standards Lieutenant provide the findings rather than the individual investigators.



# Discussion