

# Use of Force Recommendation

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Guidance for

Reportable Use of Force



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## Recommendation Highlights

All uses of force greater than unresisted handcuffing must be reported in writing.

### Gap Analysis

#### **Recommendation**

 Above unresisted handcuff

#### **Current Policy DPM 2.1.45**

#### **Reportable Use of Force Applications:**

- All instances in which a Department member uses force on a subject shall be reported.
  - Exceptions:
    - Verbal commands.
    - Handcuffing.
    - Control hold techniques used while applying handcuffs.
    - Empty hand control holds.
- Take downs are reportable.



### **Discussion Points**

- ✓ Merrick Bobb's recommendations were made in 2009. It wasn't until 2012 when MPD created a policy to address UOF reporting protocols.
- ✓ MPD current policy is clear and simple for the member to remember

All uses of force are reportable,

- with four exceptions.
- ✓ Most other departments policies are wordy as they list what forces are reportable.
- ✓ Las Vegas PD makes deployment of a rifle reportable.
- ✓ Previously approved guidance by the Exec Team is for members to document the threated use or display of less lethal force in a department report.



### Committee Feedback

Kina Harding (Attorney) asked several questions about the practice of handcuffing without an arrest being made and if there were studies conducted on trauma caused by this.

ASU professors were unaware of any related studies.

# Further Analysis

None



Final Guidance

No changes needed to conform with Merrick Bobb's recommendation.





# Discussion