DRAFT Use of Force Committee Meeting Minutes 2-22-2022


Regina D. Blackshear, Clerk of Commission, swears in Committee members: Dr. Carmen Culotta, Cheryl Scroggins, Rev. Dr. David Fox, Donald Domineck, Angelina Jackson, Dr. Kevin Watt, and Jacob Wourms.

Torey Hollingsworth calls the meeting to order at 5:30pm & takes the roll call

Attendees introduce themselves to the group

Torey Hollingsworth gives a brief overview of the group’s formation and tonight’s agenda items

Laura Zeck-Reveal reviews the preliminary use of force committee charter.

Mayor Mims thanks community members and police for participating in the meeting.

Andy Sexton reviews constitutional use of force:

- Use of force definitions—no universal use of force definition
- Graham v. Connor
- Objective Reasonableness
  - Relevant Factors
  - Irrelevant Factors
- Determining objective reasonableness
- Perspective of a reasonable officer
- Use of force myths vs. reality

Questions: Cheryl Scroggins asked about internal procedures that proactively monitor for indicators such as trauma, stress, burnout, etc., so as to be preventative.

Andy Sexton responds that Lt. Sheldon will have more information about monitoring an officer’s performance.

Lt. Matt Dickey reviews training related to use of force:

- Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) overview
- OPOTA state standards overview
- OPOTA topics related to use of force
  - Overview of each topic
  - Student performance objectives
- Additional Dayton training

Questions: Jacob Wourms asks whether DPD employs Warrior Training
Lt. Dickey responds that DPD does not provide warrior training; however, the concept is discussed in the ethics portion of the academy

Lt. Eric Sheldon reviews the use of force investigation process:

- Use of force reporting
- Findings process
- Division level investigation process
- Routing process
- Professional Standards Bureau investigation
- Professional Standards Bureau routing

In response to Cheryl Scroggins previous question, Lt. Sheldon discusses early intervention system that assists with identifying officer performance issues

Torey Hollingsworth reviews future business:

- Process for nominating a chair and vice chair
- Future meeting dates
- 2020 use of force report

Questions: Dr. Carmen Culotta asks about the use of force committee’s work moving forward

Dr. Kevin Watt requests a document with common acronyms related to police operations

Torey Hollingsworth responds that part of the work of the committee will be assisting in the use of force report and researching best practices. Some of the work for the next meeting will be to review the 2020 use of force report and provide feedback on format, data visualization, and content.

Lt. Col. Henderson responds that DPD can provide a list of common acronyms.

Torey Hollingsworth thanks everyone for participating and closes the meeting at 7:05pm