

City of Maplewood

Police Use of Force (UoF) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016

1) CALL TO ORDER

The eleventh meeting of the Use of Force Workgroup was called to order at 5:38 PM by Chair Neblett.

2) ROLL CALL

A quorum of the UoF Workgroup was in attendance at the meeting, including:

- Sylvia Neblett, Chair
- Dave Singleton, Vice-Chair
- Rita Janisch
- Mary Schoenborn
- William Josten
- Melissa Sonnek
- Juan Wilson
- Dave Mathews
- Lenna Scott
- Kathryn Hatlestad

Staff Present:

- Paul Schnell, Police Chief
- Cassie Fisher, Admin Assistant to the Police Chief/Police Data Analyst

Others Present:

- James Meehan, Police Civil Service Commission member

Community Members Present:

- Diana Longrie

Absent:

- Evelyn Combs
- Anne Bryson
- Sarah Lilja
- Tzianeng Vang

3) BUSINESS AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 8, 2016 Agenda.
- b. Approval of November 17 & December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
- c. Off-site exercise on lethal force encounters:

- 1) Intent to close meeting as allowed by Minnesota Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3(d).
 - Chief Schnell provided an explanation of the need for a closed session so members could be briefed on tactics, weapon systems, and capabilities by the department's "Use of Force" training staff.
 - Upon the matter being moved and seconded, it was approved by unanimous decision.
 - 2) Re-open meeting.
 - Upon the matter being moved and seconded, it was approved by unanimous decision.
 - 3) Summary of closed session activities:
 - Three of the police department's "Use of Force" instructors assisted members with exercises of lethal force encounters.
- d. Members are to study the identified policy sections, and submit their thoughts about questions and comments they have for discussion to Cassie by 0700 Tuesday before the next meeting.**
- e. The following items remain on the agenda for review and discussion during the December 15, 2016 meeting:**
- Chapter 3: General Operations – Use of Force (Policies 300-317, page 86)
 - Items recommended that would aid in the review and discussion of Chapter 3:
 - 1) ICAT – A Training Guide for Defusing Critical Incidents
 - 2) Final Report on The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Schnell discussed setting a timeframe of having the review of the policy manual completed by end of January 2017. When we have a list of the policy recommendations, the Use of Force instructors would be brought in for a question and answer type discussion. A workgroup member also wished to discuss the removal of group breaks during the meetings, in order to keep the meeting agenda on track. It was suggested individual members can take breaks and move about as needed throughout the meeting.

5) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the workgroup shall be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 6:30 PM (to 9:00 PM) at the Maplewood Police Department.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The Use of Force Workgroup meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.