

# City of Maplewood

## Police Use of Force (UoF) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2017

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

The fourteenth meeting of the Use of Force Workgroup was declared cancelled for lack of quorum at 6:33 PM by Vice-Chair Singleton.

### 2) ROLL CALL

There was no quorum of the UoF Workgroup. Those in attendance at the meeting, included:

- Dave Singleton, Vice-Chair
- Rita Janisch
- Anne Bryson
- Dave Mathews
- Juan Wilson
- Lenna Scott

Staff Present:

- Paul Schnell, Police Chief
- Michael Shortreed, Police Commander
- Dave Kvam, Police Commander
- Kerry Crotty, Police Lieutenant
- Cassie Fisher, Admin Assistant to the Police Chief/Police Data Analyst

Others Present:

- Bryan Smith, Councilmember
- James Meehan, Police Civil Service Commission member

Community Members Present:

- Diana Longrie

Absent:

- Sylvia Neblett, Chair
- Kathryn Hatlestad
- Evelyn Combs
- Sarah Lilja
- William Josten
- Mary Schoenborn
- Melissa Sonnek
- Tzianeng Vang

### 3) BUSINESS AGENDA

a. No business was discussed as there was no quorum of the council present for this meeting.

b. The following items remain on the agenda for review and discussion during the January 19, 2017 meeting:

1. We will consider the third question on our agenda, note below:

*“Policing is inherently inter-personal; officers engage with all sorts of people at all sorts of moments in their lives. The group has also consistently articulated a need for **officers’ sensitivity and competence** with respect to factors that fall into the broad categories of **mental health and wellness, differing capacities (physical, mental, emotional, and psychosocial)**, and what are sometimes called **disabilities, ranging from apparent to hidden**. The impact of **trauma** on all parties has also been noted. We recommend that departmental policy consistently reflect the following concepts and principles with respect to these topics:....”*

2. We will then continue to complete our review of Policy Manual Chapter 3 (resuming at Policy 313, pg. 63), followed by these questions:

- a. Should the department adopt a commendation to be awarded for officers that do not use deadly force when it may have been authorized?
- b. What other recommendations related to recognizing courageous restraint does the committee have?
- c. What other major issues or topics do you believe should be included in policy? As we conclude our program, what other specific policies do you believe merit careful review?

- **Members are to study the identified topics and policy sections, and submit their thoughts regarding questions and comments they have for discussion to Cassie by 0700 the Tuesday before the next meeting, even if they will not be in attendance.**

### 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

*While no official business was transacted, the following announcements were made:*

- a. The department’s two Commanders (Patrol division) and one Lieutenant (Investigations division) were in attendance for tonight’s meeting, and will be for the next few sessions.
- b. One of the upcoming sessions will be a roundtable with Use of Force instructors, for a Q & A style meeting.
- c. In February, a report will be presented to the City Council from and by the group. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, Chief Schnell should have confirmation of the date. Chief Schnell will also present a report advising of the policy recommendations from the group which were adopted, which were not, and the reasons why.

- d. The purpose of the discussion which took place at the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and will continue at the next meeting is to gather a framing statement which contains the overall purpose of the Maplewood Police Department as well as guiding principles.
- e. Member Schoenborn requested the department's Use of Force data be made available for review by the group. A request was made with the City's data practices specialist to redact non-public information so the data could be shared with the group.

**5) NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the workgroup shall be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM (to 9:00 PM) at the Maplewood Police Department.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

The Use of Force Workgroup ended at 6:56 PM.