

City of Maplewood

Police Use of Force (UoF) Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1) CALL TO ORDER

The seventeenth meeting of the Use of Force Workgroup was called to order at 5:58 PM by Chair Neblett.

2) ROLL CALL

Those in attendance at the meeting, included:

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

Community Members Present:

- Diana Longrie

Absent:

- Anne Bryson
- Evelyn Combs
- Tzianeng Vang

3) BUSINESS AGENDA

- a. **Approval of February 22, 2017 Agenda.**
- b. **Approval of January 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes.**
- c. **Business:**
 1. **PowerPoint Presentation – Use of Force stats overview:**

- Use of Force instructors discussed Use of Force statistics for the Maplewood Police Department and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Response to Aggression*.

2. Review and discussion of policy items and documents:

- Policy 367 – The group recommends that the department develop specific guidelines for the use of force pertaining to individuals with limited English proficiency.
 - Upon the matter being moved and seconded, the motion failed.
- Policy 369 – No recommendations.
- Policy 372 – No recommendations.
- Policy 402 – The group recommends the department investigate and clarify language providing specific guidance (e.g., phone numbers, online forms and/or websites) on how to report concerns about racial profiling.
 - Upon the matter being moved and seconded, it was approved by unanimous decision.
- Policy 432 – No recommendations.

3. Roundtable Discussion:

- Policy Manual Prologue; Community Guidance to Police Officers – The group recommends a few grammar and typographical errors in the document be corrected. With these errors corrected, the group recommends the adoption of the Prologue, as amended.
 - Upon the matters being moved and seconded, they were approved by unanimous decision.
- Outstanding concerns/issues from community members and police department personnel – The group recommends **Policy 300.3.4 (Carotid Control)** to be permitted when applied by officers trained to use it. This recommendation effectively rescinds the group's prior motion on this policy. The group recommends the department review this policy in the future.
 - Upon the matter being moved and seconded, it passed on a vote of six to two, with two abstentions.

4. Plan for the Use of Force Workgroup presentation at the City Council Workshop, which will be held 5:30 PM on Monday, February 27, 2017.

- Members who attend will be able to discuss with the Council the product of the workgroup, the Policy Manual Prologue. They will also be able to discuss their experiences during the process and what they would like to see happen in the future with their work.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Updates to the Police Department's Policy Manual will occur in the near future. Chief Schnell will also present a report to the Council advising of the policy recommendations from the group which were adopted, which were not, and the reasons why.

- b. The Prologue draft was distributed to members for its review and discussion during this meeting.

5) ADJOURNMENT

The final meeting of the Use of Force Workgroup ended at 9:32 PM.