

TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL
Feb 8th, 2017
PPB Training Complex
6:30 p.m.

<p>MEMBERS PRESENT Sushanah Boston, Co-Chair Rio Rios, Co-Chair Marcus Amicci Shawn Campbell Jennifer Grove-Heuser Tyler Hall Dave Hoffman Jeffrey Klatke Judy Low Gary Marschke John McVay Corinne Patel Sylvia Zingesser</p> <p>MEMBERS ABSENT David Denecke Daniel Duvall McKay Fenske James Good Ed Hershey Anne Parmeter Tina Semko Erin Stevanus</p>	<p>TRAINING STAFF PRESENT Captain Bob Day Lt. Kraig McGlathery Leisbeth Gerritsen Jody Halia Helen LaFong Erik Daniels Paul Meyer</p> <p>PPB STAFF PRESENT Captain Krantz Mary Claire Buckley</p> <p>GUESTS PRESENT Tom Christoff Debbie Aione Dan Handelman Standard Schaefer</p>
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1. Call to Order/Welcome

Welcome – TAC Chair Boston
Reading of TAC Mission Statement
Approval of prior meeting minutes

2. 2017 Project Introduction

Rio Rios is the recommendation lead for this year. The decision was made to discuss tasers or electronic weapon control. This ties into the last Use of Force activity. TAC will review curriculum and some assessment material and keep building on use of force material TAC has for that.

Timelines were emailed out. TAC can take photocopy of notes after reviewing lesson plans. Q&A session may be the same as the Mar 8th meeting. Community input may expand, TAC has reached out to COAB who offered recommendations. The CRC also created a report on tasers and TAC has made a request to get that report.

Captain Day will send email to TAC regarding access to Training curriculum.

Rio addressed the leak of lesson plans and reminded members of confidentiality of lesson plans and material.

3. Directive 1051.00 Electronic Control Weapon System

Fifteen minutes for TAC to review directive 1051.00. What were things that stood out to TAC regarding 1051.00?

- Reasonableness
- Mental Health aspect
- Medically Fragile Individuals
- Policy #3, how is practical defined?
- How is proficiency determined?
- What is exigent circumstances for mental health?
- Mental health and compliance?
- EMS follow through?
- Specificity

4. Overview of ECW Program

Officer Paul Meyer spoke to the group regarding Use of Force. We are training our officers on the totality of the circumstances based on what the threat is in order for PPB to use the taser; where does taser fit in to what we are doing, how to determine what the resistance level is and the level of threat.

We have changed the definition of taser usage from intent to engage in physical resistance to immediate threat of injury. Recently the terminology was changed to active aggression for taser usage; does the person have the means, intent and opportunity to cause physical injury to an officer or someone else.

Question:

How does PPB take the directive and make it a training opportunity?

Answer:

Officer Erik Daniels will speak to this question, there is a training program and scenario based training to help officers learn how to make those decisions. Captain Day mentioned that officers are hearing the same message from multiple instructors through other disciplines as well to give officers the skillset they need.

Question:

Is there a reason this directive is being looked at right now for amendment?

Answer:

Officer Meyers stated that it is a part of the DOJ settlement agreement.

Officer Erik Daniels spoke to the training process on tasers. Newly hired officers must attend taser certification class which is a daylong class. Students review the directive line by line and this is also done during In-Service. Taser offers information on how to use a taser safely, offers powerpoints and video.

Expectations are reviewed and incorporated into scenario training at the end of the day. We conduct recertification training on taser every year. Part of Tasers requirement for using their product is to annually recertify by deploying 2 live cartridges and view their user update powerpoint. We have developed our own qualification course that takes into account deployment, movement, weapons manipulation and giving weapon commands under a time requirement. Taser integrates with patrol tactics. Training tries to avoid taser scenarios, the instructors try to put officers in situations where they have to think under stress and make a quick decision, if warranted, based on what they have seen.

Questions and discussion regarding taser statistics, remedial training, failure to qualify, evaluations, one way vs. community perspectives, perception of liability based training, emotional intelligence and empathy in scenarios. In 2008, PPB started a week long ECIT training stressing effective communication to balance interactions with caution and communication.

5. Break

6. Use of Force Quarterly Report

Captain Krantz provided and reviewed the statistics for the Use of Force data for 2016 quarter three. 287 reports written and force was used on 194 individuals. Numbers remain pretty consistent through the last 8 quarters.

Question:

Is there a demographic statistic by precinct to assess if training is effective across all precincts?

Answer:

Numbers not available in this document but could be accessed.

Question:

Is use of force data broken down by event, ie: domestic violence.

Answer:

If there is a mental health element, it is reported as a mental health incident.

Question:

What is the criteria for crisis?

Answer:

If an officer perceives they are encountering a person with symptoms of either mental health crisis or perceived mental illness, they must document this in a report.

Question:

Are encounters that are a result of a cultural or language issue tracked?

Answer:

That information is not broken out in the data but every incident is reviewed very closely.

Question:

Any tracking of repeat people who had use of force used against them?

Answer:

1.2% of custodies result in use of force. It is a low level but we always look at what else can we do? Recent discussion amongst Captain Krantz's team regarding reaching out to people who have had multiple instances of force and how that is addressed by PPB.

Question:

Is there analysis of use of force that is delineated just by gender or just by ethnicity?

Answer:

PPB evaluates use of force based on incident and not as the aggregate of data but we do recognize there are differences.

Question:

Are we trying to create a better connection to those communities where there are higher use of force numbers?

Answer:

In the bureau, community outreach, building community trust and engagement is one of the number one goals for the police bureau.

Question:

Are there demographics of the officers who used force?

Answer:

No

Force data and crime data will be available on the PPB website soon.

7. Public Comment, New Business and Close

Dan Handelman was glad discussions over demographics were brought up. In the quarter 2 report, he stated, it showed 37% of persons subjected to use of force were African American, he is concerned by this large number of use of force. What creates the pattern of officers using force against this segment of the population? This is patterns and practices against people of color. There should be discussions but instead he stated PPB is giving the appearance of hiding statistics. Capt Day disagreed with the perception that PPB is hiding statistics.

When police launch tear gas or flash bangs at a protest at a large group of people is that one use of force or multiple use of force instances?

There is a case pending on the new tasers before City Council to reviewed on the 22nd.

Confused why DOJ didn't request a review of the taser directive before. He and Cop Watch have a lot of questions regarding the taser.

Debi Aione recommended the article in the Tribune regarding racism in Oregon, last Tuesday's article involved the DA, courts, historical and current history of racism in Oregon. It was a good article she recommended everyone read.

Standard Schaefer with organization called Empower Portland. He has reviewed the use of force numbers and agrees there is a perception of numbers being hidden, shocked by the way community input is being handled tonight. Questioned how the community knows how the comments regarding taser and other special weaponry actually get addressed and who does the addressing. Submitted it wouldn't be a welcome environment if occurred at this meeting. Co-Chair Rios explained the purpose and process of the TAC as far as research and analysis.

Co-Chair Boston mentioned the next steps are the TAC will receive an email with information regarding the curriculum review, q and a with the trainers, and documenting the thoughts of the TAC regarding training using best practices and provide input.

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