



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque Police Department

Office of Policy Analysis (OPA)

MEETING MINUTES: 20-05

DATE: May 6th, 2020

TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

VENUE: Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Lt. M. Dietzel	Crisis Intervention Section	No attendance	APOA VP
Frank Galanis	APD Safety Officer	Detective D. Griffin	Advanced training/Academy
No attendance	APOA President	Edward Harness	CPOA Director
Patricia Serna	Policy Manager	Camila Valdez	SOP Liaison
Dr. William Kass	CPOA Member	Det. Chermaine Carter	SOP Coordinator
Diane McDermott	CPOA Member	Greg Mondragon	Prisoner Transport Center
Sharon Walton	APD Policy Consultant	Kathy Roybal-Nunez	Records Division
Ali Abassi	CPOA Member	Commander Art Sanchez	SWAT
Jonas Armstrong	APD City Legal	A/C Commander Brown	Valley Area Command

1. SOP 1-37 Crisis Intervention Section	Presented by: Lt. M. Dietzel
Discussion:	An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. The policy was updated to be more specific to the CIT unit and program. It was edited down for length. There is a separate handbook for CIT as well. Roles and responsibilities were updated. The CASA required an MOU for clinicians and hospitals and has been outlined in the policy. Acronyms are defined. A suggestion for ECC to determine when ECIT is dispatched was made but policy owner

	discussed the procedure is in SOP 2-19. Data analysis of the number of CIT encounters that also have involvement with MHRAC was discussed. Modifications have been made to SOP 2-19 because of this. The question of how to determine who becomes a crisis trained officer was discussed and addressed by the policy owner as still an aspect of regular academy training, with tiers above the minimum 40 hours for field services.
Action:	1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.

2. SOP 2-19 Response to Behavioral Health Issues	Presented by: Lt. M. Dietzel
Discussion:	An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. Policy owner removed sections that were redundant, out of date or too philosophical. Changed wording to include NMCAL. Wording from the special order was incorporated, as well as the suggestion by MHRAC to use social media to assist in response. Much if the response procedure has changed due to the McClendon settlement agreement. The policy provides locations and procedures for officers to transport individuals to mental health facilities when criteria has been met. Referrals for Department personnel and enforcement of such referrals was discussed.
Action:	1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.

3. SOP 2-11 Use of Tire Deflation Device	Presented by: Officer David W. Griffin
Discussion:	An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. Changes were made to deploying officer and clarifying what a certified officer is. Definitions for what devices are being used, when they can be used were added. The device manufacturers to not specify how long training must be for the devices, therefore it is up to the discretion of the Department and that training must be completed in order to be certified and certification is needed in order to use the device. Clarification of certification in tire deflation versus an LEO was discussed. Tire deflation has other uses besides pursuit, therefore incorporating into other SOP is not advised.
Action:	1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.

4. SOP 2-13 StarChase Pursuit Management	Presented by: Acting Commander Josh M. Brown
Discussion:	An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. Officers cannot pursue the vehicle to engage the StarChase, as is stated in section 2-13-4 E and F language; they

	<p>must engage StarChase before pursuit, meaning an authorized pursuit must be made first according to SOP 2-45 Pursuit by Motor Vehicle. Discussion of how often this has been deployed and its success was clear once tracking has been affixed to vehicle. It has helped in scenarios of stolen vehicles, armed robbery, etc. Field officers are dispatched into the area, set up perimeters, and the vehicle cannot become weaponized as in previous cases. Prior authorization to deploy StarChase tracking is not needed in cases where officers have probable cause to believe the occupants are involved in criminal activity.</p>
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.

5. SOP 2-23 Use of Canine Unit		Presented by: Cmdr. Art Sanchez
Discussion:	<p>An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. Most changes were of formatting. Crowd control was changed to match with first amendment assemblies meaning using Police Service Dogs as a resource, not as a form of crowd control, but as a safety precaution, in the event of peaceful protest. In the case of a tactical deployment, K-9 Handlers and their PSD will be present, but not as a force option. Police Service Dog (PSD) will be used in place of K-9 to refer to the specific type of dog used.</p>	
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary. 2. Recommendations for clarification from OPA members will be incorporated by the policy owner. 	

6. SOP 2-70 Execution of Search Warrants		Presented by: Cmdr. Art Sanchez
Discussion:	<p>An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. Changes were made to forms that will be used, and will be located separately from the SOP in order to be able to change those more easily if necessary. Discussion of what the difference between the terms 'business day' and 'work day' were identified, and the SOP draft will change back these terms based on the discussion. A question was raised to why there were complaints of lapel cameras being turned off, and the distinguishing between the execution and serving of the search warrant was discussed. A differentiation of the work of detectives versus those specialized tactical activations was explained as to why the On-Body Recording Devices may not include certain video. The policy owner will further clarify the video recording process that is meant to be followed according to that SOP. Explanation of the forms used in the procedure of executing a search warrant was discussed. There was a discussion of the likelihood of situations where the need to not notify members of a residence that a search warrant was being served. It was made clear that this does is only likely to</p>	

	happen in hostage situations only.
Action:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.2. Concerns from CPOAB about de-conflicting with OBRD policy will be made.