



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque Police Department

Office of Policy Analysis (OPA)

MEETING MINUTES: 19-16

DATE: 11/6/2019

TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

VENUE: 400 Roma Ave. NW, Chief's Conference Room, 5th Floor, LEC

ATTENDEES:

Kim Prince, SOP Liaison
Diane McDermott, CPOA
Det. Chermaine Carter, SOP Coordinator
Edward Harness, CPOA
Justin Montgomery, APOA
Sharon Walton, Compliance
Amir Chapel, Policy Manager

E. Frank Galanis, Risk Mgmt.
Lt. R. Crawford, Oversight/Accountability
Sgt. M. Vollmer, FASTT
Ali Abbasi, CPOA
A/Commandr. J. Yara, SE/FSB
Jonas Armstrong, City Legal

1. SOP 2-45 Pursuit by Motor Vehicle	Presented by: A/Commandr. J. Yara
Discussion:	<p>An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. This policy was due for an annual review. Changes were made in section 2-45-3 "Definitions" for clarity and to coordinate language with other policies. The term "Motor Vehicle Pursuit" definition has new language informing officers of the criteria needed to engage in a pursuit. The policy presenter described section 2-45-4(A) outlining the specific criteria which include, conditions, and factors that officers will need to quickly assess when faced with a potential vehicle pursuit. If a vehicle pursuit is not feasible, other options should be considered, as discussed in section 2-45-4(I).</p> <p>Updates were made to represent current language such as changing Immobilization Technique to Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT), Tire Deflation System to Tire Deflation Device, and terminate to stop, etc.</p>

	<p>There was discussion regarding who may terminate or continue a pursuit by motor vehicle. This discussion will continue as the SOP moves through the policy development process.</p> <p>It was suggested that the word “critique” in section 2-45-4(L)(3d) be changed to “de-brief” and that there needs to be criteria defined for this “Post Pursuit” session.</p> <p>The section of the policy regarding analysis, (2-45-4(L)(5)(a), was added for data collection to evaluate trends for policy changes as well as training.</p> <p>It was suggested that a 10-code be created to identify when a vehicle pursuit is terminated. This data would serve to develop a ratio of actual vehicle pursuits vs. those terminated to help eliminate some public concerns. The suggestion is being considered, and further discussion will occur as the policy moves through the process.</p>
Action:	<p>1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA and will be posted on PowerDMS for 15 Day Commentary.</p>

2. SOP 2-66 Victim & Witness Assistance	Presented by: Sgt. Vollmer
Discussion:	<p>An overview of the draft policy was presented to the Office of Policy Analysis (OPA) for review. This policy was due for an annual review. Changes to the policy reflect current practices and language.</p> <p>Conversation occurred concerning the addition of a sanction to section 2-66-3. It was determined that further discussion would take place as the policy progresses through the process.</p> <p>In section 2-66-3(A)(2), it was determined the process described is not currently happening because officers are not provided a copy of the statement to hand out to victims. Changes were suggested, and further discussion will occur regarding this issue.</p> <p>The discussion on section 2-66-3(A)(3) outlined the impracticality of an officer having access to information suggested in this section. It was suggested that additional language be incorporated into the policy to direct victims to contact the District Attorney’s (DA’s) office if a request for a case status update is made. Further discussion will occur to resolve this issue.</p>
Action:	<p>1. The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by OPA, and it was determined that the posting of the policy on PowerDMS would be delayed until further review by City legal.</p>