

CIVILIAN POLICE OVERSIGHT AGENCY BOARD
POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. William Kass - Chair

Tara Armijo-Prewitt

Patricia French

Richard Johnson

Edward Harness, CPOA Executive Director

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
By Video Conference

Members Present:

Dr. William Kass

Tara Armijo-Prewitt

Patricia French

Members Absent:

Richard Johnson (excused)

Others Present

Edward Harness, CPOA

Valerie Barela, CPOA

Katrina Sigala, CPOA

Ali Abbasi, CPOA

Acting Commander Richard Evans, APD

Acting Commander Jason Sanchez, APD

Patricia Serna, APD

Marteessa Billy, CPC

Minutes

- I. Welcome and Call to Order:** Chair Dr. Kass called to order the Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee meeting at 4:32 p.m.
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Agenda approved.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from September 2, 2021**
 - a. Minutes from September 2, 2021 approved.
- IV. APD Policy Related Activities:**
 - a. **Policies Presented at P&P (Formerly OPA) in September 2021**
 1. Chair Dr. Kass shared the policies presented at the Policy and Procedure Unit meetings held on September 15, 2021, September 22, 2021 and October 6, 2021.
 2. The Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee and CPOA Data Analyst Ali Abbasi discussed SOP 1-5 Harassment/Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

b. Policies Reviewed at PPRB September 2021

1. Chair Dr. Kass reported on APD policies that were presented at the PPRB on September 29, 2021 and October 30, 2021 meetings.
2. The Policy and Procedure Subcommittee did not have any other comments on the policies discussed at this time.

c. Policies Advanced for 30-day Recommendations

1. The Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee recommends to submit a “No Recommendation” recommendation for SOP 2-9, SOP 2-20, SOP 2-45, SOP 2-81, SOP 3-14, SOP 3-30, SOP 3-40, SOP 3-45, SOP 3-51 and SOP 4-10 to APD Policy and Procedure Unit (formerly OPA) and will present the recommendation at the next regularly scheduled CPOA Board meeting for approval.
2. The Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee recommends making a recommendation on SOP 2-92 (Formerly 5-4).

V. Discussion Items:

a. CPC 027-21 Related Policies – Member Armijo-Prewitt

1. Member Armijo-Prewitt shared an assessment of various policies that may be relevant to CPC 027-21 provided by Vice-Chair Galloway.
2. The Policy and Procedure subcommittee discussed policies related to Crimes against Children Investigations and Member Armijo-Prewitt will draft a letter of recommendation change on SOP 2-92 for Subcommittee review at the next regularly scheduled Policy and Procedure Meeting.

b. SOP 3-41 Changes to have Substations Review Minor Complaints – Member French

1. Member French reached out to Director Harness and he provided an update on what the process would look like. Director Harness shared the draft of SOP 3-41 and SOP 3-46 and explained what the policy would look like and essentially would mimic that of the APD Internal Affairs minor complaint.

2. Dr. Harness will draft a policy recommendation for the Subcommittee review and the next regular Policy and Procedure Subcommittee meeting.
- c. Canine Use Data Update – Member French**
1. Member French provide a status update on the Data received back from APD. CPOA Data Analyst Ali Abbasi noted that he did receive a lot of raw data but was missing information that Member French requested.
 2. Member French and CPOA Data Analyst Ali Abbasi will meet in person to review the data and discuss refining the request.
- d. Use of Force Policies Recommendations Update – Chair Dr. Kass**
1. CPOA Data Analyst Ali Abbasi shared his informal recommendations for SOP 2-52 and the Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee watch 2 videos on Axon’s Immersive VR training related to Autism and Schizophrenia via Vimeo. A YouTube video on BolaWrap Remote Restraint was also shared with the Subcommittee.
 2. The Policy and Procedure Subcommittee will continue to work on Use of Force Policy Recommendations.
- e. SOP 3-52 Policy Development Process Update – Chair Dr. Kass**
- f. Chair Dr. Kass** shared the purpose of SOP 3-52 and expressed that the subcommittee supports and commends the changes that APD has made to the policy. Chair Dr. Kass will draft a letter to the Chief of commendation for the Policy and Procedure Review subcommittee review at the next regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting.
- g. Surveillance Technologies SOP 2-98 Shotspotter Update – Chair Dr. Kass and Member Armijo-Prewitt**
1. Chair Dr. Kass shared APD response to the CPOA Board’s recommendations on SOP 2-98. Chair Dr. noted that the Real Time Crime Center is to provide the CPOA Board with an oral or written impact report in a semi-annual brief and will be on the CPOA Board Agenda for November 4, 2021.
- h. APD Crime Initiative in relation to Police Oversight – Chair Dr. Kass**
1. Chair Dr. Kass recommends discussing this item at a later time.

*****Member Armijo-Prewitt advised in the Zoom chat at 5:55 p.m. that she needed to step away from the meeting and her return to the meeting was unknown*****

VI. Other Business

- a. None.

VII. Next meeting October 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Dr. William J. Kass October 28, 2021
Dr. William Kass, Chair Date
Policy and Procedure Review Subcommittee

CC: Julian Moya, City Council Staff
Ethan Watson, City Clerk
Cynthia Borrego, City Council President (via email)

Minutes drafted and submitted by:
Valerie Barela, Administrative Assistant

Attachment

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque Police Department



Harold J. Medina, Chief of Police



September 7, 2021

Civilian Police Oversight Agency
PO Box 1293
Albuquerque, NM 87103

RE: CPOAB's Recommendations for SOP 2-98 Gunshot Detection Procedure

Dear Board Members:

The Albuquerque Police Department (Department) received recommendations for SOP 2-98, Gunshot Detection Procedure, from the Civilian Police Oversight Agency Board (CPOAB) dated June 10, 2021. The following is an explanation of the Department's response.

Recommendation #1: "Create data-driven patrol plans from the data retrieved from this system to maximize crime deterrence and to reduce gun violence in the city."

400 Roma NW

ShotSpotter data are used to conduct and drive data-driven patrol plans to maximize crime deterrence and reduce gun violence in the City of Albuquerque. The data and analysis are confidential law enforcement information.

Albuquerque

Recommendation #2: "Semi-annually, RTCC provide the Board with oral or written 'impact, reports', which will highlight results of ShotSpotter use to include information but not limited to: number of individuals arrested, percentage decrease or increase in gun violence compared to previous period, number of firearms seized, percentage increase or decrease in homicides by shootings or gun related incidents with injuries, comparison of shots fired with area commands that does not use ShotSpotter, number of gunshot victims found with the help of this technology if the use led to reduction in gunshot victims transport time."

New Mexico 87102

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The Department will provide a semiannual brief on ShotSpotter use and impact to the CPOAB.

Recommendation #3: "Board is seeking information on change in dispatch call priority levels from Priority 1 (as stated in Special Order 20-28 dated March 2020 & SO 20-54 dated July 2020) to Priority 2. Several jurisdictions across the country including Denver Colorado and Richmond California considers gunshot detection system dispatch all priority 1 and the manufacturer of this system also recommends police departments using this tool to consider dispatching calls generated from ShotSpotter as priority 1."

The Department, like all large police departments, has an established call priority system that vary according to the needs of the Department and community. The Department's call priority system is based on a 1 to 5 call priority system.

Priority 1 calls involve any immediate life-threatening situation with a great possibility of death or life-threatening injury, or any confrontation between people that could threaten the life or safety of any person where weapons are involved. Priority 1 calls are calls where those factors are known to exist currently.

Priority 2 calls involve any crime in progress that may result in a threat of injury to a person, major loss of property, or immediate apprehension of an individual. Priority 2 calls also include accidents with injury. A ShotSpotter activation is essentially a notification that a firearm has been discharged, yet there is no confirmation that it has resulted in an actual shooting. Most ShotSpotter activations do not result in the discovery of a shooting victim.

A ShotSpotter activation is a Priority 2 call for service. While the Denver Police Department responds to a ShotSpotter activation as a Priority 1 call, this is based on their call priority system of 0 to 7. Richmond, California uses a similar 1 to 5 call priority system as the Department's. The Department reached out to the Richmond's emergency communications center manager who stated their ShotSpotter activations are categorized as being a Priority 2, not a Priority 1.

Re-categorizing ShotSpotter activations as a Priority 1 call for service would reallocate valuable resources for incidents involving verifiable life-threatening circumstances and use resources for incidents that are less likely to be life-threatening. Moreover, a re-categorization in the call priority would result in ShotSpotter activations being a higher priority than an armed robbery alarm or a domestic violence call that is in progress. An unintended consequence may result in the delay of officers who are available to respond to calls of an emergent nature.

Recommendation #4: "Board requests that the department notify the Board when seeking approval from the City Council for investments more than \$100,000 in purchasing new technology and equipment. This practice will allow the Board to review and evaluate those particular investments at initial stages, which in turn will increase transparency, promote community trust, and will engrain the Board in the oversight process.

The Department and the City of Albuquerque are committed to transparency. All Department technology purchases over \$100,000 must go through at least two public processes. The Technical Review Committee is responsible for the initial review and approval of technology purchases of over \$500. The Technical Review Committee conducts its initial review and approval during a public meeting. If the Technical Review Committee approves the proposed purchase, the request is reviewed by the Information Services Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and approving purchases of over \$25,000. The Information Services Committee also conducts its review and approval during a public meeting. Once the Information Services Committee approves the proposed purchase, the request

then follows the normal City procurement process, which, for purchases over \$100,000, entails approval by City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold J. Medina". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harold J. Medina
Chief of Police

Cc: Cecily Barker, APD Chief of Staff
Carlos Pacheco, Assistant City Attorney
Patricia Serna, APD Policy Manager