



CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque Police Department
Policy and Procedure Unit (P&P)

MEETING MINUTES: 22-15

DATE: July 13th, 2022

TIME: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

VENUE: Zoom Web Conference

ATTENDEES:

Patricia Serna	Policy and Procedure Unit
Officer Tanya La Force	Policy and Procedure Unit
Alexis Galloway	Policy and Procedure Unit
Ali Abbasi	Civilian Police Oversight Agency (CPOA) Investigator
Diane McDermott	CPOA Interim Director
Sharon Walton	APD Policy Consultant
Trevor Rigler	Assistant City Attorney
Melissa Schultz (Presenter)	Peer Support Program Coordinator
Detective Robert Carlson (Presenter)	Operations Review Section
Sergeant Troy Nicko (Presenter)	Academy Division
Sergeant Brandon Wesenberg (Presenter)	Investigative Bureau

1. SOP 1-10 Peer Support Program	Presented by: Melissa Schultz
Discussion:	<p>Ms. Schultz explained that most of the changes in the policy were stylistic. The main change was updating the section on in-house training.</p> <p>Question: What kind of public outreach is there for officer's that get stressed? Answer: Ms. Schultz explained that she presents at meetings with officer's, attends Field Services Bureau (FSB) briefings that involve field officers and communication operators, and receives a list of all calls that could cause stress to an officer from the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) Supervisor every morning. It lists all of the officers that were involved so that way a Peer Support Program team member can reach out to them. Question: Do you get referrals from supervisors? Answer: Yes, the Peer Support Program receives referrals</p>

	<p>from supervisors. Question: Is there a trend for officers that work an excessive amount of hours or excessive amounts of overtime that require them to get Peer Support Program services? Answer: Ms. Schultz explained that she does not have access to this type of information but the Performance Evaluation and Management System (PEMS) team tracks that type of information.</p>
Action:	The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by P&P and will be uploaded in the Department's document management system for the 15-day commentary period.
<p>2. SOP 2-1 Uniforms Presented by: Detective Robert Carlson</p>	
Discussion:	<p>Detective Carlson explained that one of the changes in the policy was on the rank structure and describing the insignia on their uniforms. Another change was adding information about the external body armor carrier. He explained that language was added from a Deputy Chief about officer's visibly displaying their insignia.</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
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<p>3. SOP 2-12 Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) Presented by: Sergeant Troy Nicko</p>	
Discussion:	<p>Sergeant Nicko explained that the sanctions were reviewed to be accurate and consistent with other policies. Some grammar and language was changed but no other major changes were made.</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
Action:	The draft SOP, as presented, was reviewed by P&P and will be uploaded in the Department's document management system for the 15-day commentary period.
<p>4. SOP 2-14 Use of Cell-Site Simulator Technology Presented by: Sergeant Brandon Wesenberg</p>	
Discussion:	<p>Sergeant Wesenberg explained that no changes were made to the policy since the last six-month review. Question: Is it true that once the Cell-Site Simulator hooks up to one cell phone, all of the individuals' cell phones in the area will no longer be able to make calls? Answer: This is not true. It does not create a black-out. Only the device that the Cell-Site Simulator connects to will not be able to make calls, not all of the devices in the area. Question: Is there any information regarding purging of the data if a device is part of a crime and if a device is not part of crime? Answer: Because of the District Attorney's (DA's) Office, only when a device has been approved by a judge can it be destroyed. Question: Can you provide examples of exigent circumstances and explain why obtaining legal approval from the DA's office is needed prior to deployment? Answer: A real-life example would be when we get an Amber Alert and the information that the Albuquerque Police Department (Department) receives is needed to locate the child as soon as possible, making it an emergency. This would not require a judicial</p>

	<p>warrant. Also, obtaining legal approval from the DA's Office falls under both an emergency and exigent circumstance but in those cases you would not reach out to the DA's Office until after the deployment.</p> <p>Question: Sworn personnel have these kind of devices equipped in their vehicles correct? And sworn personnel have hand-held devices?</p> <p>Answer: Correct; the vehicle devices only work depending on the way the vehicle is positioned and the hand-held device allows for a greater range of service because you can exit the vehicle with it.</p>	
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	<p>5. SOP 2-15 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) Operations</p>	<p>Presented by: Sergeant Brandon Wesenberg</p>
Discussion:	<p>Sergeant Wesenberg explained that the only change in the policy was adding information about SUAS drones that will be deployed by FSB personnel.</p> <p>Question: I assume the drones will be used for search issues? Answer: Search issues is a good use for the drones and also for felony stops to get a full 360 degree view of the vehicle, and for search warrants.</p> <p>Question: Is there a plan to compare data with Canine (K-9) Unit deployments? Answer: Only some units are actively using the drones and are trained to use them. All of the data from the drones will be recorded but there are no data to compare with K-9 as this moment.</p> <p>Question: Will the drones be the used to take photographs and videos for demonstrations? Answer: If it is within Department guidelines, the drones will be used to take video and photographs.</p> <p>Question: Why was language about retention of SUAS data taken out of the policy? Answer: A conversation with the Attorney General's Office determined that it should be taken out.</p> <p>Question: Will drones be used to deploy powder, for an example, during a house fire? Answer: No, these drones will not be able to do that.</p>	
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