



University of Oregon Police Department

Office of the Chief

Police Policy Advisory Workgroup Meeting

March 6, 2019 • West University Substation • 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Matt Carmichael, Sgt. Scott Geeting, Director of Community Relations Matt Roberts, Director of Security and Special Events James Stegall, Capt. Jason Wade, Cpl. Steven Barrett, Cpl. Josh Nascimento, Vice President and General Counsel Kevin Reed, Associate Director of Employee and Labor Relations Chris Meade, student representative Erin Jones, Executive Coordinator Rachel Dale

SUMMARY:

Introducing the first Police Policy Advisory Workgroup meeting. The workgroup plans to review and discuss policy monthly. An electronic draft of the policy for review will be sent to members prior to the meeting.

There are two groups of members: permanent and one-year voluntary. Voluntary members will serve this first term until May 31, 2020.

POLICIES FOR REVIEW March 6, 2019:

USE OF FORCE • POLICY 300.1

Two recommended changes:

1. **Show of force** – show of force is an action that is intended to elicit compliance or to warn a person by showcasing a capability to use force (pointing a firearm at a subject, displaying the functions of an ECD, or pointing an OC weapon, or threatening force).
 - i. ECD - Electronic Control Device
 - ii. OC - Oleoresin Capsicum spray

300.3.3 Carotid Control Hold. “UOPD does not approve the use of the Carotid Control Hold or other neck restraints, except in cases involving deadly force applications.”

The language was discussed and recommendations received. The recommendations were implemented and agreed upon by the workgroup.



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2. **Warning Shots** - Discharge of a firearm for the purpose of compelling compliance from an individual or animal, but not intended to cause physical injury. (Previous editions from Lexipol defining a warning shot).
300.4.2 Officers are prohibited from using or firing warning shots. Old policy allowed for warning shots.

The workgroup was in agreement that UOPD will not use warning shots

3. **Reporting the Use of Force – 300.5** describes how UOPD currently reports use of force.

300.5 With the recent implementation of IA PRO and Blue Team technology this requires updating the policy. Changes brought to the table and proposed were discussed along with some clarifications of definitions.

300.5.1 Notification to Supervisors – Language was added to the policy and consistency was recommended in ‘Tasers’ being called out in the policy for clarity. Student representative Erin Jones suggested ECD and the workgroup was in agreement.

CANINES • POLICY 389

Canines Policy 389 is a new department policy and has not yet been published or shared. Captain Wade introduced the policy which is based on Lexipol best practices. Lexipol is the leader in law enforcement risk management and policy development. Prior to this introduction Captain Wade met with the UOPD current canine handler for review.

Eleven areas of policy were reviewed and discussed. The workgroup agreed that further review will be required. Cpl. Barrett, UO Police Association president, stated he would need more time to review and discuss with others.

The next workgroup meeting for April will be scheduled and sent to all members as soon as possible.