



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 19, 2021

Re: Supplement to B2-21: Amending Chapter 16 as it relates to use of force

## Executive Summary

Revisions to Columbia Police Department Policy 300 – Use of Force/Response to Resistance enacted to address concerns of community and council.

## Discussion

In mid-August, 2020 the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) provided new standards and revisions for use of force. Around the same time, some members of our community addressed Council with concerns regarding CPD's policy on the use of choke holds. As a result, to meet the updated CALEA standard, and also address the concerns of community members and council, policy 300, Use of Force/Response to Resistance, was reviewed and has been revised.

The language included in the revised Use of Force Policy is in conformity with the National Consensus Policy. The policy revision more clearly defines choke holds and lateral vascular neck restraints as deadly force and clearly states the officer's responsibility to intervene. Further, the policy specifies that choke holds and lateral vascular neck restraints are only to be used as deadly force AND the only reasonable means available at the time to stop the threat.

The revised policy included the following changes:

1. Differentiates the difference between a choke hold and a lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR) and plainly defines the use of choke holds and LVNR as deadly force.
2. Sections regarding the use of reasonable force and de-escalation, use of deadly force, rendering medical aid, and the duty to intervene were revised as necessary to meet the new or revised CALEA standards.
3. The following language was added "Any revisions to this policy shall be communicated within ten (10) days of approval to the City Manager and to the City Council. In addition to any other notification deemed appropriate by the City Manager and Chief of Police, additional communication of such revisions to the City Council shall occur in the form of a report placed on the agenda of a regular meeting of the City Council within thirty (30) days of approval. Such report shall be accompanied by a memorandum from the Chief of Police which explains the revision."
4. Policy now requires documented initial and annual training for officers in these areas.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Public Safety, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
NA	NA

## Suggested Council Action