

Use of Force Review

301.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes a process for the Missoula Police Department to review the use of force by its members.

This review process shall be in addition to any other review or investigation that may be conducted by any outside or multi-agency entity having jurisdiction over the investigation or the evaluation of the use of force.

301.2 POLICY

The Missoula Police Department will objectively evaluate the use of force by its members to ensure that their authority is used appropriately and consistent with training and policy.

301.3 REMOVAL FROM LINE DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Generally, whenever a member's actions or use of force in an official capacity, or while using department equipment, results in death or very serious injury to another, that member will be placed in a temporary paid administrative assignment pending an administrative review. The Chief of Police may exercise discretion and choose not to place a member in an administrative assignment.

301.4 REVIEW CHAIN OF COMMAND

The following Chain of Command will be utilized to review a use of force that is reported per the requirements of Policy 300 (Use of Force):

- (a) The Shift Commander: Responsible for initial review of the member's case materials that articulates the use of force, and entering the use of force into the Department's current use of force review system;
- (b) The Watch Commander: Responsible for the same initial review and absent a Shift Commander;
- (c) The Lieutenant of Professional Standards: Responsible for any investigation and review of a use of force per Subsection 301.4.1 below

- (d) The Chief of Police or their designee.

301.4.1 INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF USE OF FORCE

If an Internal Investigation is merited for a use of force by an Officer, that investigation will be conducted in accordance with the Department's Personnel Complaint / Internal Investigations Policy (Policy 1010).

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