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### CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT OPENS 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR USE OF FORCE POLICIES

*Revisions to use of force policies emphasize sanctity of life, de-escalation and public safety*

**CHICAGO** – The Chicago Police Department has opened a 15-day public comment period on a suite of draft use of force policies.

Some of the key revisions to the updated use of force policies include clear definitions around the concepts of sanctity of life and de-escalation. The Department will review all comments received for consideration at the conclusion of the public comment period before finalizing the policies, which are expected to take effect in early 2021.

“We must remain committed to ensuring that the residents we serve have a seat at the table when creating policies that emphasize our core principles of de-escalation, sanctity of life and public safety,” said Superintendent David O. Brown.

Department members will also have an opportunity to participate in a 15-day internal comment period through the Department’s intranet site.

The following draft policies have been posted for public review and comment through Dec. 19, 2020:

- [De-escalation, Response to Resistance, and Use of Force](#)
- [Response to Resistance and Force Options](#)
- [Incidents Requiring Completion of a Tactical Response Report](#)
- [Firearm Discharge Incidents – Authorized Use and Post-Discharge Administrative Procedures](#)
- [Taser Use Incidents](#)
- [Oleoresin Capsicum \(OC\) Devices and Other Chemical Agent Use Incidents](#)
- [Canine Use Incidents](#)
- [Baton Use Incidents](#)
- [Department Review Use of Force](#)
- [Firearm Discharge and Officer-Involved Death Incident Response](#)

As mandated by consent decree requirements, CPD conducted a comprehensive biannual review of its use of force policies to assess whether the use of force policies meet the consent decree requirements, incorporate best practices, address observed trends and practices, as necessary, and reflect developments in applicable law.

The consent decree also requires that CPD establish and maintain clear channels through which community members can provide input regarding their use of force policies, and propose revisions or additions to those policies. The Department will regularly review the input received, including during the biennial review process.

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