

# Response to Resistance Reporting Policy

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<i>Special Instructions: Attachment: Response to Resistance Report</i>		
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## I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to provide guidelines for reporting responses to resistance.

## II. POLICY

The authority to respond to resistance carries with it the need for accountability in order to safeguard the rights of the public and to preserve the integrity of the law enforcement agency and the jurisdiction that provides this authority. As such, it is the policy of this law enforcement agency that any response to resistance, as designated by policy (Directive 10-4-1), be reported in a timely, complete, and accurate manner by involved officers and as otherwise prescribed by this policy.

This policy is to be reviewed annually and any questions or concerns should be addressed to the immediate supervisor for clarification.

## III. PROCEDURES

### A. Report Content/Information

1. All Response to Resistance reports shall be comprehensive and provide the degree of specificity necessary to fully document and evaluate the officer's force response.
2. Officers should ensure that their Response to Resistance report accurately relates what the officer knew, observed, or believed at the time of the incident. Facts or information revealed following the incident should not be included in the officer's initial response to resistance report but may be included in a supplemental report

3. At a minimum, reports shall include the following information. Any additional information that would add to a complete understanding of the incident should also be included.
- The nature of the incident;
  - Where (address or latitude and longitude) and when (date and time) the incident took place;
  - Location type of the incident;
  - Whether the incident was in response to a call for service or an officer-initiated action;
  - Information on the subject, including age, sex, race, and ethnicity; • Information on the officer, including age, sex, race, ethnicity, years of service, and whether serving full-time;
  - The size and build of the subject in relationship to the officer;
  - Reason for initial contact between the subject and officer, including any suspected unlawful or criminal activity;
  - Whether the incident was an ambush; •
  - Whether the officer was:
    - Readily identifiable as law enforcement, including whether he or she was in uniform or plain clothes;
    - operating a marked or unmarked law enforcement vehicle or on foot patrol;
    - on or off duty; and ○ accompanied by other officers.
  - Whether a supervisor or a senior officer acting in a supervisory capacity was present or consulted at any point during the incident;
  - Whether backup was requested and, if so, when it arrived;
  - Whether the officer approached the subject or was approached by the subject;
  - Whether associates of the subject were present at the time;
  - Whether witnesses were present at the time;
  - Whether there was any cause to believe the subject was armed or hostile;
  - The subject's general demeanor, including any known or apparent impairments; • Any verbal exchange that transpired;
  - The full circumstances that supported a detention or arrest decision, where applicable, to include the severity of the crime or evidence discovered prior to the detention or arrest attempt by the officer(s);
  - Any threat to the officer or another person;
  - Type, intensity, and duration of resistance to arrest by the subject to include any threat to others; • Any de-escalation attempts made;
  - Any de-escalation attempts made;
  - Any force options available to the officer and the reason for the level of force response employed;
  - Any subject and officer injury or complaint of injury, medical treatment received, or refusal of
  - medical treatment;
  - Photographs of subject and officer injuries;
  - Video and audio recordings made of the incident, including those made by body-worn cameras

## **B. Force Reporting**

1. Following a response to resistance incident in which a subject has died or received serious bodily injury, information shall be provided to the public in a timely manner on the results of an internal investigation or investigation conducted by another authorized agency in conjunction with the attorney general's office, where possible.
2. An annual summary of all response to resistance incidents shall be prepared by this agency and made publicly available, providing basic details of force incidents and the findings of internal or external investigations or reviews.
3. Agencies shall also submit all relevant statistical data related to incidents that result in the death or serious bodily injury of a person, as well as when an officer discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Use-of-Force Data Collection reporting portal.

## **IV. Policy Copyright**

This policy was developed at the encouragement of the IACP and customized to this agency using the model policy developed by the IACP, Copyright 2020.

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