

Proposed Minutes

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 28, 2014

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55415

Committee Members Present: Andrew Buss (Chair), and Jennifer Singleton (quorum 2).

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Michael K. Browne, Director – Office of Police Conduct Review (612) 673-5500. Also present, Legal Analyst Ryan Patrick.

Chair Buss called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Singleton moved to adopt the meeting agenda with the following adjustment: change “September” in item number six to “October.”

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Singleton moved to approve the September 23, 2014 meeting minutes.

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Presentation on Reporting and Data Collection during Stop and Frisk Evolutions – Sgt. Steven Bantle

Sgt. Steven Bantle and Lt. John Hoff addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion

- The MPD does stop and frisk but not without reason; the procedure is referred to as suspicious person/vehicle stops, or Terry investigative stops.
- Types of contact include voluntary, citation, custodial arrest, detention and detention with pat down.
- Detention involves temporary interference of a person’s liberty; if further evidence is found the incident could lead to an arrest if there is reasonable suspicion.
- The MPD Academy utilizes scenario based training, which incorporates suspicious person and vehicle stops.
- Legal updates on the law are provided to the MPD on a regular basis through the Minneapolis and Hennepin County Attorney’s offices.

- Documentation of a Terry investigative stop should be made either through added remarks to the call in the CAD system, or through another method, unless CAPRS report or supplemental reporting is required.

With the conclusion of the presentation, the floor was opened for discussion. The following is a list of the main points in the discussion and an abstract of the individual comments:

Buss – asked if there are situations where Terry investigative stops are not being recorded or entered into the system indicating that the policy leads to some confusion when no paperwork is involved or required.

Singleton – indicated agreement and adds that in some circumstances if there is no witness and no 911 call then the incident may not be documented. Also questioning what checks are being performed in the field to ensure appropriate documentation of such incidents.

Bantle/Hoth – indicated that at the present time documentation is not always required however this is not method of tracking or running a statistical report to track the effectiveness of the policy. However, whenever a Terry investigative stop is performed it should, not must, be documented all of the time.

Ongoing Business.

Research and Study Updates, Coaching Audit, and Stop and Frisk

Ryan Patrick addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion:

- The Cultural Awareness study is in rough draft form, which is representative of what the report will look like.
- There are a number of methods of getting the Cultural Awareness information out; three types were provided.
- The current structure includes the introduction, research articles on learning styles, the plug and play components include information from other agencies and NACOLE, the implementation of the ideas generated from the report, followed by the structure section of the report.
- The coaching audit is still in underway.
- There are no further pending information requests at this time.

With the conclusion of the update on from Mr. Patrick, the floor is opened for discussion. The following is a list of the participants in the discussion and an abstract of their individual comments:

Singleton – questioned the Committee’s role in the development of the SOP for the body camera policy and the role the Commission will have in the overall process.

Buss – indicated that the report does a good job weighing the pros and cons but asked if there are any courses publicly available.

Cases Previously Referred to the Committee by the Commission and Tracking and Prioritization of Cases and Topic Areas

With no update available, the Chair closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

New Business

New Cases Referred to the Committee by the Commission

With no new cases referred to the Committee by the Commission, the Chair closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Public Comment

With no public present, Chair Buss closed the floor for public comment.

Adjournment

With all of the Committee’s business being concluded, the chair entertained a motion:

Singleton moved to adjourn.

No discussion. All-in-favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Buss adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.