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Use of Force

5-311 Control Option- Canines

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to expand on the requirements of other force policies, specifically related to canines.

II. Definitions

Terms defined in P&P 5-304:

- Carry
- Deliver
- Discharge
- Display
- Engaged with a Subject
- Point
- Use

III. Policy

A. Policy and Guiding Principles

In addition to the specifications in this policy, employees shall follow the requirements of all other applicable policies, including but not limited to, the Guiding Principles and other standards in P&P 5-301.

B. Consistent With Policy and Training

1. Officers shall only use canines in a non-discriminatory manner, and only when such force is objectively reasonable and consistent with current MPD training and MPD policies governing the use of force (including all sections in P&P 5-300).
2. Canines shall only be deployed in accordance with P&P 7-807 Authorized Use of Canines.

C. Disengage

When canines are used for apprehensions, handlers shall disengage their canines as soon as reasonably possible after the subject is able to be controlled or secured.

D. Treatment and Medical Aid

1. Officers are responsible for ensuring any person injured by an MPD canine receives medical treatment as soon as reasonably possible.
2. Officers shall request an ambulance to the scene whenever a person is apprehended by a canine.

E. Notifications

1. The canine handler shall notify the Canine Sergeants immediately after any canine apprehension or accidental bite.
2. Officers will be debriefed by Canine unit supervisors and trainers as soon as possible following notification.
3. If a Canine Sergeant is not available, another MPD sergeant may be asked to do the force review (in accordance with P&P 5-303).

F. Documentation

The following steps are in addition to the documentation requirements in P&P 5-302 and P&P 5-303:

1. Canine handlers shall photograph all injuries and ensure the images are uploaded in accordance with P&P 10-400.
2. Upon notification of a bite or apprehension, a Canine Sergeant shall complete the K-9 Unit Apprehension Review form (MP-9090) and will send it electronically to the members of the review panel.