



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee
DATE: November 12, 2024
RE: Policy Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on November 12, 2024:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche, Commissioner Darryl Woods

Community/Committee Attendees: Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Jasmin Taylor – Administrative Assistant, Mary Barber – Civilian Oversight Analyst, Felecia Tyson – BOPC Policy Manager

- Deputy Chief Mark Bliss – Special Development Bureau, Molly Moening – Post Graduate Fellow, Victoria Camille – District 7 Grandriver Community Block Club President, and Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability

- **304.8 Bolawrap Policy - Proposed Amendments to Proposed Policy by Felecia Tyson, BOPC Policy Manager and Post-Graduate Fellow Molly Moening:** Policy Manager Felecia Tyson discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed policy. Tyson also conducted a comparative analysis highlighting that both reports share a common goal to minimize risk of injury to all parties involved in an encounter. Both reports also outline the device's purpose as an apprehension tool. They differ in their scope, target audience, and level of detail. The DPD report provides a broader overview, while Molly's report is more specific to DPD officers. Tyson provided recommendations as well, some of which included:
 - Accelerated Review: Implement a 3-year review in addition to the 5-year review to adapt to rapid technological advancements.
 - Regular Evaluation: Conduct periodic assessments of the BolaWrap's effectiveness, involving diverse stakeholders.
 - Performance Metrics: Establish clear metrics to measure the BolaWrap's impact.
 - Data Analysis: Regularly analyze data on BolaWrap deployments to identify trends and inform decision-making.

- Comparative Analysis: Compare the BolaWrap's performance to other use of force methods.
- Enhanced De-escalation Training: Provide more specific guidance on de-escalation techniques.

DC Bliss addressed the key points above and responded to questions and concerns raised by members regarding the policy. He and his team, along with the Policy Manager, will collaborate to make further revisions to the proposed policy before it is submitted to the full board for a vote.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Atty. Linda D. Bernard, J.D.L.L.M,
Commissioner, District 2
Chairperson, BOPC Policy Committee