



USE OF FORCE

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USE OF FORCE CATEGORIES

DPD 4 Different Categories of Use of Force

- Category 1
- Category 2
- Category 3
- Category 4

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CATEGORY 1 INCIDENTS

Category 1 Use of Force – Investigated by Force Investigations (FI).

Category 1 uses of force include the following:

- a) Death resulting from discharge from a member's firearm. Any death following an altercation with a member of the department;
- b) All discharges of firearms (except at the firearms range and at animals);
- c) The use of chemical spray against a restrained person (Note: Members are prohibited from spraying a handcuffed individual in a police vehicle);
- d) Any use of force resulting in broken bones or loss of consciousness. Injury requiring hospitalization (including hospitalization for observation) or a substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, disability or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ, and head strikes with an impact weapon;



CATEGORY 1 INCIDENTS- continued

- e) Any incident involving a Taser drive-stun;
- f) Any incident involving a Taser probe strike to a person's head, face, and/or genitals;
- g) Any incident involving a Taser discharge against a member of a special population;
- h) Any incident involving a 40 MM Launcher with Foam Impact round or Pepperball Tac-SA with Pepperball projectiles to a person's head, face, and/or genitals;
- i) Department canine bites; and
- j) Allegations of a use of force that are of a Category 1 type.

Note: Force Investigations may delegate all other use of force or detainee injury investigations to the parent command.



CATEGORY 1 INCIDENTS- continued

Category 1 Detainee Injury Incidents – The responding supervisor shall notify Force Investigations, who shall assume responsibility for conducting and completing the following applicable investigations:

- a) Any detainee injury resulting in broken bones or loss of consciousness;
- b) Injury requiring hospitalization or substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, disability, or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ;
- c) In-custody suicide attempt where there is a substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, or disability or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ;
- d) All in-custody deaths; and
- e) e. Vehicular pursuits that result in a critical/fatal injury to the fleeing subject(s).



CATEGORY 2 INCIDENTS

Category 2 Use of Force– Investigated by the parent command (unless the investigation is assumed by Force Investigations). Category 2 uses of force include:

- a) Physical control (e.g. strikes, kicks);
- b) Takedowns that result in injury or a complaint of injury, through police actions, excluding pre-existing injuries, but does not meet the criteria of a Category 1;
- c) Intermediate controls – Use of intermediate weapons that do not meet the criteria of, or cause injury as indicated in Category 1;
- d) A Taser discharge that:
 - a) Impacts any area of the subject's body, excluding areas that would elevate the matter to a Category 1 (i.e. head, face, and/or genitals); and
 - b) Is deemed by Force Investigations to not be a special population.



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- e) A 40 MM Launcher with foam impact round or Pepperball Tac- SA with Pepperball Projectiles that: a. Impacts any area of the subject's body, excluding areas that would elevate the matter to a Category 1 (i.e. head, face, and/or genitals);
- f) An injury or complaint of injury that occurs in the course of taking, or after an individual was taken into DPD custody, not requiring hospitalization; and
- g) The use of chemical spray where the subject complains of or suffers adverse effects from the chemical spray after the subject has been decontaminated.



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Category 2 Detainee Injury Incidents– The responding supervisor shall notify Force Investigations. The responding supervisor shall assume responsibility for conducting and completing all applicable investigations a follows:

- a) Any injury that occurs in the course of taking, or after an individual was taken into DPD custody, not attributed to a use of force by a DPD employee and not requiring hospitalization; and
- b) In-custody attempt suicide once assessed by Force Investigations and returned to the parent command.



CATEGORY 3 INCIDENTS

Category 3 Use of Force– Investigated by the parent command. In order for a use of force to be labeled a Category 3, the following stipulations shall apply:

- a) The subject must not require medical attention for the use of force;
- b) The subject must not suffer any adverse effects from the use of chemical spray; and
- c) There must be no visible injury or complaint of injury.



CATEGORY 3 INCIDENTS

Category 3 uses of force include:

- a) Physical Controls – forcibly handcuffing, restriction of movement, takedown (no injuries or complaint of);
- b) Compliance Techniques (joint locks, pressure points);
- c) The use of a PR-24 as a compliance tool to assist in forcibly handcuffing. However, any strike with a PR-24 shall be investigated as a Category 1 or 2;
- d) Taser discharge that does not make contact with the suspect (including Taser discharges that only strikes the subject's clothing);
- e) Discharge of 40 MM Launcher with foam impact round and Pepperball Tac-SA with Pepperball projectile that does not make contact with an individual;
- f) Deployment of Chemical Spray with no complaint of adverse effects; and
- g) Canine apprehension.



CATEGORY 4 INCIDENTS

Category 4 Use of Force- Investigated by the parent command. In order for a use of force to be labeled a category 4, the following stipulations shall apply:

- a) Category 4 use of force is specific to calls for service by EMS that require physical assistance with the medical transport of seriously ill/injured patients
- b) Members shall assist when qualified medical personnel (Physician or equivalent in determining diagnosis) has determined the patient has suffered a life threatening injury and immediate medical treatment is critical;
- c) Detroit Fire Department/Emergency Medical Services' (DFD/EMS) is requesting police assistance:
- d) The patient is verbally refusing and physically resisting observation by EMS personnel and/or transport to a medical facility;



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- e) Qualified medical personnel has determined that due to the patient's diminished capacity they are unable to comprehend the seriousness of their injuries;
- f) The DPD member, at the request of EMS personnel, physically assists by placing subject/patient into ambulance due to the fact the subject verbally refused and/or physically resisted; and
- g) The subject/patient suffers no injuries as a result of the DPD member's assistance, nor were there any accusations of injury by the subject/patient.



Questions?