



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

College Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Zoom

Committee Members Present: John Parker, Kimberly Tapia, Jack Beresford, Nadia Sayeh, Darius Spearman, John Bromma, Kimberly Palek, Phoebe Truong, Joseph Ramos, Gerald Brown, Aaron Burgess, Nancy Schumaker, Patrick Velasquez

Committee Members Absent: Joel Peterson, Daniel Brislin, Caitlin Tiffany, David Mehlhoff, Anna Liza Manzo, Neill Kovrig, Kevin Branson

Meeting commenced 1:10 pm

Nadia began the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented, it was approved with unanimous consent.

John Parker asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 24, 2023 and the revised minutes from February 16, 2023 as distributed. Both minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

Chief Ramos shared a brief update on the on-campus officer attire pilot program. The pilot is ready to launch as soon as the third-party survey is ready. He reminded the committee that the bicycle team of officers are already wearing a polo that was previously approved. The uniform shirts for the pilot were shown in a previous presentation and Chief Ramos will share photos with the committee again prior to launching the pilot.

Chief Ramos shared that the "Conducted Energy Device" Policy Part 1 draft that was circulated with today's meeting documents is the first of three sections of the standard policy and procedure that will be presented with the tasers. Chief Ramos read Part 1 (the administrative section) and answered the following questions. He emphasized that our district has an Administrative Segreant that tracks all police training throughout the district; and, off duty officers will be required to leave tasers at the police department for storage and charging before leaving. Tasers are carried in a holster on the opposite side of the duty weapon, per the penal code.

- What is the difference between a taser and a stun gun? *A the difference is in the deployment. Tasers have barbs that penetrate and can be used from a distance; a stun gun needs to be applied on the person.*
- How long has the district had Lexipol and is the full policy longer than 2 pages (described as a company that provides policy manuals to law enforcement agencies and public safety departments)? *District has had Lexipol about one year, the entire policy is longer but this committee will review it over (3) sections.*
- There are concerns about medical issues that can arise when tasers are deployed, will this be reviewed and discussed? *Yes, in an upcoming section.*
- What de-escalation techniques does the district currently use? *Use of distance, obstacles and time are all tools used; avoiding forced entry; and only one (1) officer is giving verbal commands to avoid confusion.*
- What are other non-lethal tools used? *Pepper spray, a baton, bean-bags deployed from a bright orange shot-gun. We do not have any canines.*
- What is the timeline to have the tasers approved? *The policies are still under review and several months behind.*

Darius shared that he has actively looked for studies that show the statistical data indicating use of tasers is beneficial but has not been able to find anything specific. All available studies that have not been produced by taser manufacturers or law enforcement agencies indicate either no change in the amount of officer involved shootings, or an increase in officer aggression toward civilians.

Kimberly shared that the working group met earlier today. She has concluded her meetings with each of the sites and the working group has shared a lot of information. They are now narrowing down the scope of the position and identifying the needs throughout the communities. The job description is still a work in progress so there has not been an updated draft to review yet. She will meet with Poppy Fitch soon to better outline the administrative process but not to make any decisions. Nancy, Nadia and Kimberly shared a recent online article with the committee, "[New Mobile Mental Health Crisis Team Launches at UC San Diego](#)" by Erika Johnson dated April 6, 2023. The working group is looking further into the UCSD program that will launch before our program. Currently if a dispatcher receives a call requiring assistance for a mental health situation, they will dispatch an officer. A request for PERT will go out but their response is based on current availability.

The next meeting is May 12, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm