



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.O.
10/13/2015

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution approving the revision of Police Policy 554, Use of Force - General.

Background

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, establishes guidelines for Oklahoma City police officers on use of force, use of deadly force, and use of firearms.

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, has been revised to clarify that a collision involving an occupied vehicle does not justify the use of deadly force unless the intent to injure the officer or a person is reasonably apparent and there is imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, has been revised to highlight that officers may use deadly force from a moving vehicle only if being fired upon or threatened to be fired upon.

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, has been revised to make clear that officers may only use deadly force towards an occupant of a moving vehicle when (1) the officer is being fired upon or threatened to be fired upon or (2) the officer is being actively pursued or targeted by the suspect vehicle and the officer has exhausted all means to avoid being in the path of the moving vehicle, the officer has avoided placing himself or herself in the path of the vehicle, and the presence of innocent occupants in the vehicle has been considered.

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, is in Attachment “A” of the Resolution. The new language is in bold and a strike-through is used to show words to be deleted.

Policy 554, Use of Force – General, has been reviewed and approved by the Fraternal Order of Police.

Review

Police Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.

Attachment