July 1, 2020, Notice for Possible Changes to Department General Order 5.01 and Possible Adoption of Department Bulletin.

Charter Section 4.104 (a)(1) requires the Police Commission to provide “at least ten days’ public notice” for any meeting where a “rule or regulations” is adopted, amended, or repealed. The Police Commission hereby provides such notice consistent with that rule. The proposed language will be posted and made available as soon as possible but no later than the posting of the agenda for July 1, 2020 meeting.

The Police Commission intends to review and consider clarifying language for Department General Order 5.01, Use of Force Policy as follows:

1. Section II, Definitions, subsection F. Reportable Force.

   The Police Commission intends to review and consider expanding the types of incidents that would trigger reporting requirements.


   The Commission intends to clarify that using body parts such as an elbow to prevent breathing is prohibited.


   The Commission intends to clarify that part of the mandatory medical assessment includes the appropriate use of handcuffing techniques that includes an assessment of the placing individuals in prone and supine positions.

The Commission may revise and adopt language that is consistent with this notice.