

RECOMMENDATION 102215-8

Miscellaneous.

FULL TEXT:

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Implementing the Data Systems, Use of Force, Compliance Subcommittee's six other recommendations will greatly improve revised Directive 1010.00, Use of Force.

This final recommendation, while not having the weight of the previous ones, is nonetheless important. The revised directive and all other directives on force should:

a. Use the words "facts and circumstances" rather than just " circumstances" when listing the factors to be considered in determining the objective reasonableness of force.

b. Use the word "weapons" for actual weapons, such as firearms, beanbag shotguns, electronic control weapons (tasers), batons, and aerosol restraints (pepper spray). Use the word "tools" for non-weaponry, such handcuffs and de-escalation techniques.

c. Make specific changes to the Procedure Section in the current directive:

i. Section 3.1: change the word "important" to "critical."

ii. Section 9.3: " ... each member who uses physical force will [add word " separately"] complete a Force Data Collection Report."

iii. Section 11.1.2: "Supervisors shall address deficiencies in reports promptly."
This should be clarified to explain what is meant by a deficiency. Supervisors should not tell officers what words to use or how to say something to make the report comply with policy or training