

RECOMMENDATION 111215-10

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The PPB should enact a policy emphasizing that the so-called “21-foot rule” does not exist and/or that it does not per se justify shooting when the suspect is less than 21 feet away and is never applicable if the officer already has his gun drawn and pointed. To determine whether this has been occurring in the absence of a policy, a review of PPB’s relevant training and relevant incidents should be undertaken by the PPB’s Inspector and the COCL and reported on to the DOJ and the City.