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## **TRAINING**

## **Executive Summary**

- De-escalation training is essential.
- Expand training to eliminate multicultural and implicit bias
- Enhance neighborhood connections
- Promote stress management & self-care
- Conduct ongoing mental health assessments
- Expand and update current training to increase effectiveness
- Expand procedural oversight to increase accountability
- Revise standard operating procedures to reduce fatigue and burnout

Recommendation relative to a policy	Overall recommendation	Commentary
<ul> <li>Add bias training, peace circles, de-escalation, stress, suicide management to post training</li> <li>Introduce opportunities for community advocates to collaborate with police department to de-escalate cases especially involving their neighbors that have issues (e.g., mental illness). A neighbor might be able to do a better job with de-escalation because they know the person's circumstances.</li> <li>Need training for de-escalation for people w/ different needs in general (e.g., physical or mental disabilities).</li> <li>Introduce an overall customer service training module for officers as well as administrators. (Procedural Justice Training)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>cultural competence.</li> <li>Require ongoing re-certification in de-escalation strategies.</li> <li>Require on-going mental health screenings and attention to warning signs. Create a rapid-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing policy leaves too much to interpretation and undermines public safety because accountability is not evident.</li> <li>Part of the persistent distrust and rage residents feel toward law enforcement is rooted in the apparent lack of accountability for racially motivated, inappropriate, excessive, and fatal use of force.</li> <li>Training materials should be reviewed so they reflect contemporary situations officers face.</li> <li>There is no discernable effort to assess training materials to determine their effectiveness.</li> </ul>

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• Accountability and consequences for officers who are not compliant, especially for those with a history of repeated citations for noncompliance.	Lower shift hours; more frequent time off to improve decision making and de- escalation skills.	
• Review what type of assessments are in place to ensure training is effective.		
• Promote stress management & self-care by paying attention to signs officers are overworked, fatigued, or dangerously violent.		