

# Use of Force

## Investigating Supervisor Scene Guide



### 1. Respond to the scene (if feasible)

- Screen for medical response
  - Taser (probe deployment or 3 or more applications)
  - LVNR (Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint)
  - Indications of excited delirium
  - Elderly, pre-adolescent, visibly pregnant
  - Document any medical treatment

### 2. Secure the scene (as necessary)

### 3. Screen the arrest

- Legal authority for the officer to be present at the location
  - Public area, consent, warrant, exigency, community caretaking (involuntary treatment)
- Lawful purpose of the contact or detention
  - Social contact, Terry stop, custodial arrest
- Direct an officer to give Miranda warnings to subject, if not already done

### 4. Screen the Use of Force

- Type I-continue the investigation
- Type II-continue the investigation
- Type III-hold scene and consult with the on-call FIT commander

### 5. Canvass the area for witnesses and private video

- Private citizens, area business employees, 911 callers
  - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
  - Audio record interviews if possible
    - Name, DOB, address, contact phone number
  - Download in DEMS
- Seattle Fire Medics and Firefighters
  - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
  - Name, station number, contact phone number
  - Audio record interviews if possible
  - Do not ask about medical treatment or condition
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- American Medical Response
  - If they saw the contact and/or use of force
  - Name, address , contact phone number
  - Audio record interviews if possible
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- ICV interviews are also acceptable for all witnesses
  - Flag with case number
- Obtain copy of private video if possible
  - If refused, document location and attempts to obtain

#### **6. Process the scene**

- Place a placard at any items of evidence
  - Taser cartridges, blood spots, other items
- Photograph the scene
  - Overall, detail
- Collect, package and place into evidence