

November 23, 2020

Daniel J. Barzykowski  
Chief of Police  
Central Falls Police Department  
160 Illinois Street  
Central Falls, RI 02863

Dear Chief Barzykowski:

In the midst of this pandemic, and with the growing challenges associated with social justice issues, we recognize that your work is harder than ever. The public interest in how your departments do their jobs has never been higher and the scrutiny has never been more intense. We also know that there has been a particular focus on use of force, so the work being done on the Model Use of Force Policy (the “Policy”) could not be happening at a better time.

Together with this letter, please find the final version of the updated Policy which was developed by The Trust’s Law Enforcement Initiatives Workgroup consisting of Trust law enforcement experts, representatives of law enforcement agencies throughout the state, the Commission on Accreditation, and the Rhode Island Attorney General’s Office, among others.

This effort represents a comprehensive update to the 2016 Policy. This updated Policy was recently endorsed by the Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training (RIPOST) and will serve as the basis for an upcoming in-service training in the area of use of force. It has also been vetted to ensure that it complies with both national and in-state accreditation standards.

As we distribute this Policy, we wish to thank the members of the Law Enforcement Initiatives Workgroup who graciously contributed their time, experience, and expertise to the project. Its development has truly been a collaborative effort.

**We are asking that each Member police department adopt the Policy and provide The Trust with a written acknowledgement of the same. Our goal is to have all Trust Member police departments adopt the updated Policy by December 31, 2020.**

Finally, the Attorney General’s protocol for the use of deadly force, excessive force and custodial deaths, as of June 17, 2020, is also attached for your reference.

Should you have any questions, feel free to call either me at (401) 438-6511, Ext. 540, or Paul Dutra, Property/Liability Claims Manager, at Ext. 543. Please keep in mind that we are available

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to assist with implementation of the Policy, as well. Do not hesitate to contact us for that purpose if you believe we may be of help. Regards.

Sincerely,



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President and Executive Director

Attachments

cc: James A. Diossa, Mayor, City of Central Falls  
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