



*METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
of Nashville and Davidson County*

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TO: Jill Fitchard, Executive Director
Community Oversight Board

FROM: Chief John C. Drake

Date: December 6, 2021

I am in receipt of your letter and report regarding the reporting of soft empty hand control. We appreciate the effort put into this report.

This report makes two recommendations, and our responses are as follows.

MNCO Recommendation 1: “All uses of soft empty-hand control techniques used to overcome resistance should be immediately reported to an officer’s supervisor and require a written report that is tracked by MNPD. Tracking of all uses of soft empty-hand control techniques used to overcome resistance should begin as soon as possible but no later than January 1, 2022.”

MNPD Response: Accept. As is established practice, when the MNPD issues such policy revisions, they will be posted on the MNPD public website (<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/police/departments-manual>).

MNCO Recommendation 2: “Officers using soft empty-hand control techniques to overcome resistance without an allegation of injury should be required to complete a Form 108-S, a form that would be created by MNPD to collect information about soft empty-hand control when the force does not rise to the current Form 108 reporting level. Additionally, MNPD Manual §11.10.200(G)11 should be amended to require quarterly and annual use of force reports posted to the MNPD website, sent to Metro Council, and sent to the Executive Director of the COB that include the number of use of force incidents where soft empty-hand control is the highest force used and there is no allegation of injury and disaggregated data as detailed in this report.”

MNPD Response: Accept. Rather than suggested quarterly or annual reports, the Use of Force dashboard at the MNPD Data Dashboard site (<https://www.nashville.gov/departments/police/data-dashboard>) will be modified to track and report the suggested items in a “live” format and the data download feature of the dashboard has been made active.

Thank you for the time and attention provided to this matter. We look forward to continued cooperation in the future.

