

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE DIRECTIVE

OPS-054, OFFICER SURVIVAL TRAINING

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I. POLICY

The Illinois State Police (ISP) will provide officer survival training to officers based upon a review of use of force incidents.

II. DEFINITIONS

- II.A. Control and Arrest Tactics (CAT) – Academy instructed skills in verbal control, handcuffing, soft, empty-hand control, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, hard empty hand control, escalation and de-escalation of force decisions, tactical communication, and the use of intermediate weapons.
- II.B. Display of a Weapon – the act of showing a weapon (firearm, conducted energy weapon (CEW), K-9, baton, pepper spray, or any other item used as a weapon) to an individual(s) in a manner designed or intended to change behavior.
- II.C. Duty to Intervene (DTI) – a peace officer, or any other person acting under the color of law, shall not use force as punishment or retaliation. Officers have a duty to intervene to stop another officer from engaging in unauthorized or excessive force.
- II.D. Encounter
 - II.D.1. Physical encounter – occurs when an officer is compelled to use force to achieve compliance. This does not include officer presence or the use of handcuffs on a cooperative subject.
 - II.D.2. Verbal encounter – occurs when an officer prevents an imminent physical encounter using verbal tactics.
- II.E. Officer Survival Incident (OSI) – an encounter meeting any of the following criteria:
 - II.E.1. Use of firearms or other weapons (including CEW, K-9, baton, or OC spray),
 - II.E.2. Threat of injury or great bodily harm to the officer.
 - II.E.3. When an officer or another person is injured due to:
 - II.E.3.a. A physical encounter
 - II.E.3.b. A roadblock
 - II.E.3.c. An escape or attempted escape of a prisoner
 - II.E.3.d. An automotive incident where a vehicle was used as a weapon
- II.F. Use of Force Incident (UFI) – an action beyond normal handcuffing (standing, kneeling, or prone), other than officer presence or a verbal encounter, which constitutes a use of force as shown in the ISP Use of Force Model Diagram in ISP Directive OPS-046, “Use of Force and Intermediate Weapons,” to achieve compliance in a subject, including display of a weapon.
- II.G. Use of Force Incident Review Committee (UFIRC) – a committee established to review all UFIs submitted by ISP personnel.
 - II.G.1. All UFIs, regardless of the amount of force used, will be documented as an “Encounter” utilizing a field report via appropriate ISP report software.
 - II.G.2. The CAT Training Coordinator will chair the committee. If the CAT Training Coordinator position is vacant, the Academy Commander will appoint another officer from the Academy. The Chairperson shall only render a decision in UFI reviews when the Committee has reached

a stalemate. The committee shall be comprised of at least seven officers to be appointed in the following manner:

- II.G.2.a. The Division of Patrol (DOP) Deputy Director will appoint one officer holding the rank of Lieutenant or above and at least one additional officer.
- II.G.2.b. The Division of the Academy and Training (DAT) will provide the Chairperson, as well as at least one additional officer, but no more than four additional officers, appointed by the Academy Commander.
- II.G.2.c. The Division of Internal Investigation (DII) Deputy Director will appoint one officer.
- II.G.2.d. The Division of Forensic Services (DFS) Deputy Director will appoint one officer.
- II.G.2.e. The Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Deputy Director will appoint one officer.
- II.G.3. Consideration should be given to officers who hold an instructor status in at least one of the following training disciplines: CAT, Firearms, Taser, Crowd Control, Canine, and Rapid Deployment.
- II.G.4. When required, the Operations Officer of the officer(s) involved in the UFI will present the case as well as inform the Committee on any additional circumstances detailing the officer's actions. If the Operations Officer was also involved in the incident, the work unit Commander or their designee will present the case.
- II.G.5. When a UFI involves the use of a Canine, the DAT Canine Training Unit Coordinator will be present at the UFIRC meeting where said case is being reviewed. The Canine Training Unit Coordinator's purpose is to serve as the Department's canine training subject matter expert, offer their review, and answer any questions from the UFIRC.

III. PROCEDURES

III.A. Notifications

- III.A.1. Each officer will notify their supervisor immediately of any OSI or DTI, either on-duty or off-duty, and:
 - III.A.1.a. Thoroughly document the OSI by completing the UFI Review form (ISP 1-256) in addition to a field report via the appropriate ISP report software.
 - III.A.1.b. In the event an officer is required to intervene, the officer will complete and submit a supplementary report utilizing the code "Duty to Intervene" in the report type field and checking "yes" in the "Use of Force" field. The Field Report will be approved and submitted within three calendar-days to the Unit Commander who will follow the appropriate use of force review and documentation procedures. The supplemental report will contain, at a minimum, the date, time, location, involved subjects, circumstances describing the event, and interventions applied.
 - III.A.1.b.1) DTI incident on ISP – Forward the case to the DII. The DII shall consult with the UFIRC chair for direction on whether the intervention was appropriate.
 - III.A.1.b.1)a) If the intervention was appropriate, the DII will continue the investigation into the incident.
 - III.A.1.b.1)b) If the intervention was inappropriate, the DII will discontinue the investigation and the reporting officer will be remediated on appropriate control and arrest tactics and use of force.
 - III.A.1.b.2) DTI incident on non-ISP – Forward the case to the DCI. The DCI shall consult with the UFIRC chair for direction on whether the intervention was appropriate.

- III.A.1.b.2)a) If the intervention was appropriate, the DCI will continue the investigation into the incident.
 - III.A.1.b.2)b) If the intervention was inappropriate, the DCI will discontinue the investigation and the reporting officer will be remediated on appropriate control and arrest tactics and use of force.
 - III.A.2. The supervisor will notify, through the chain-of-command, the Unit Commander, or their designee, of the incident and comply with its own division's internal notification protocol, if applicable.
 - III.A.3. The Unit Commander or designee will ensure notification is made to the Academy and the requirements of ISP Directive OPS-010, "Significant/Unusual Incident Notification," are met.
 - III.A.4. In addition to the normal routing of a report, a copy of any report and accompanying addenda and/or video medium documenting a physical encounter or OSI will be reviewed by the supervisor and forwarded through the appropriate Assistant Deputy Director to the Academy within 30 calendar-days of the incident. The CAT Training Coordinator will maintain a file of all reports received for review by the UFIRC for at least two years following the date of incident. The work unit reporting the incident will maintain original reports, accompanying addenda, and video medium documents.
 - III.A.5. If the OSI involved the use of deadly force, in addition to procedures established in this directive, procedures established in ISP Directive OPS-002, "Weapons Discharge/Deadly Force Investigations," must be followed.
 - III.A.6. In the case of any excessive force complaints, the DII will consult with a use of force expert in the Officer Survival Section at the Academy.
- III.B. The CAT Training Coordinator will:
 - III.B.1. Facilitate meetings of the UFIRC on a quarterly basis or as needed. Nothing will preclude an emergency meeting of the UFIRC. A quorum of four, not including the chairperson, is required to render a decision by the UFIRC on any incidents. The UFIRC will review all reports received and:
 - III.B.1.a. Determine if the report meets the criteria to be classified as an encounter or OSI.
 - III.B.1.b. Determine if the force used by ISP personnel in the incident was appropriate.
 - III.B.1.c. Track the frequency and success of CAT techniques used by ISP personnel.
 - III.B.1.d. Recommend revisions to the Cadet, Recruit, and In-service CAT Training Program.
 - III.B.2. Create and forward an annual report by May 1 of each year to the Academy Commander that summarizes the findings and recommendations of the UFIRC (ISP Directive OPS-046, "Use of Force and Intermediate Weapons").
 - III.B.3. Notify the Academy Commander of any information/training warranting immediate dissemination to the field.
- III.C. Review and Dissemination
 - III.C.1. The Academy will maintain a file of the pertinent facts relating to each incident for at least two years following the date of the incident. This information will be used to identify and compare actions taken by officers that contributed to survival.
 - III.C.2. The ISP Legal Office will review information relating to incidents where civil litigation or criminal charges are pending or anticipated prior to the information being released.
 - III.C.3. When appropriate, officers involved in UFI or OSIs may be scheduled to address Cadets, Recruits, and In-service about the incident, its aftermath, and the importance of officer survival training.

- III.C.4. Upon the conclusion of any department investigation of UFIs, a copy of the report, including video/photographs and any training recommendations, will be forwarded to the Academy within 30 calendar-days of the incident.

III.D. Training Materials

- III.D.1. Training materials produced by the Department based on actual UFIs or OSIs are restricted to Academy-approved purposes only. The Director must approve in writing the release of officer survival training materials outside of the Department prior to dissemination.

- III.D.2. The Academy will store copies of materials in a restricted access area for at least two years following the date of the incident. Work units will maintain permanent records of each incident.

- III.D.3. Copying of the training materials described in III.D.1 above is limited to the actual number required for training purposes.

- III.D.3.a. Copies of audio-visual materials will be numbered.

- III.D.3.b. The Academy Librarian will be responsible for signing the materials out to authorized ISP personnel following approval by the Commander of Training or their designee.

- III.D.4. Audio-visual materials will contain the following statement:

"The information contained herein is for law enforcement training purposes only. Possession of this material is limited to Illinois State Police personnel, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director of the Illinois State Police. Copying without the permission of the Illinois State Police is prohibited."

- III.D.5. Materials should be copyrighted when appropriate.

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