

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
September, 8, 2015
Policy and Procedure Committee
Chair Report

Chair Brown and Commissioners:

The Policy and Procedure Committee met on August 25th. All committee members were present as well as OPCR Supervisor, Ryan Patrick.

Complete agenda and meeting minutes are available on the committee

website: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/civilrights/conductcomm/WCMS1P-122238>

Presentation on “Doesn’t Fit Any Crime” Methodology:

Legal Analyst Ryan Patrick addressed the Committee; the following are the main points from his presentation:

The process used to define the focus, scope and goals of the study includes, in part, the following points:

- The distinction “Doesn’t Fit Any Crime” is a code used when nothing else fits, but the manual does state that the operator must use remarks when using this particular code.
- Next to the code in CAPRS there is a section for corresponding statute, they do have an opportunity to write the actual law or ordinance they are using to justify this.
- Report will use data from a three year period, August 1, 2012 to August 1, 2015.
- Found 768 instances where individuals were arrested with the charge “Doesn’t Fit Any Crime.”

Goals:

- Determine whether or not instances are “Doesn’t Fit Any Crime” or miscellaneous due to limitations in the CAPRS database.
- Determine if arrestees are tried and convicted, we want to look at whether or not people are being arrested and charged, or just arrested and let go.
- Identify dates, times, or trends; looking at more broadly in those terms.

Timeline and Notes:

- Ideally information should be available by December 2015
- Race is certainly going to be part of it; we can look at multiple variables, such as if there are multiple offenses for the arrest, or if the individual was cited and released or taken into custody, whether arrest rates differ from precinct to precinct.
- If a statute is cited for a miscellaneous offense, this is much more concrete than looking at a narrative; we can also explore other variables such as demographic data and will use as much public data as possible to find the information in the reports.

Discussion Items –

Cultural Awareness Training

- The Seattle PD has provided a number of Cultural Awareness training documents available, including information on Terry pat-downs, hidden bias, and de-escalation techniques. Additionally there is a training module titled *Race: the power of illusion*, which covers race and society
- Tentative schedules of the MPD Academy Recruit and Cadet classes were sent to the commissioners for review. I had an opportunity to attend a sessions last week on Fair and Impartial Policing and Cultural Communications. I encourage the commissioners to

consider observing topics of interest. Please contact the commission clerk to simplify scheduling with the academy.

New Business –

June 2015 Cases 2 and 8 were referred and added to the tracking page under the topic of Use of Inappropriate Language.

Moving Forward

- Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 17th, at 6:00pm - Due to a scheduling conflict, this is not our standard meeting night.
- **Presentation** – Commander Bruce Folkens will discuss School Resource Officers, the Juvenile Outreach Program, and the Juvenile Diversion Program.
- The agenda will include status updates of existing programs of research and study, ongoing information requests, and further discussion of previously referred cases;
- New business will be determined based on referrals from Commission meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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