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City of Cleveland Files New Use of Force Policy with U.S. District Court

CLEVELAND – Today, new use of force policies developed by the Cleveland Division of Police in cooperation with the Consent Decree Monitoring Team, the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney’s Office were filed with U.S. District Court Judge Solomon Oliver as required by the settlement agreement between the City of Cleveland and U.S. Department of Justice. Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Chief of Police Calvin D. Williams welcomed the new policies as a step towards greater understanding between the public and police.

“These new policies are just one part of the reform process that I have promised to the citizens of Cleveland,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “The city remains fully committed to implementing the changes set forth in the Consent Decree and today we are one step closer to achieving our goals.”

“Every day the Cleveland Division of Police takes a step towards becoming a model department for policing throughout the nation,” said Police Chief Williams. “Today we implement a new use of force policy that will provide our officers with greater clarity in difficult situations and will hopefully lead to better understanding between the Division and the community. We look forward to continually working with the citizens we proudly serve each day.”

The new use of force policies were opened for public feedback on September 8, 2016. These policies are expected to become effective in early 2017.

[Click here to view the new use of force policies.](#)

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