



JJPOC RED Police Use of Force Subgroup

October 29th, 2020

2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Zoom Conference Call

Meeting Summary:

- Overview of the Police Use of Force Reporting and Data Collection by Ken Barone, IMRP:
 - Ken Barone updated the subgroup on how data is currently being collected for police use of force and how the subgroup can help improve this process, especially using a juvenile justice lens.
 - In 2015, the state of CT required the collection of taser data. Taser data was reported when used or being threatened to used. This information was collected by the Office of Policy and Management for the past 5 years. There are about 450 incidents that happen every year, but they are mostly threats of use or using the tasers laser-only option. We do not know how often a gun is used versus a taser or pepper spray to compare the data, so this data collection left more questions. In 2019, legislation required reporting use of force starting in 2020. The departments had to submit a summary of use of force that happened in their community, including information on incidents where serious physical injuries did occur or were likely to occur.
 - IMRP has been struggling with what use of force should be collected, and help departments define what should be collected. When COVID hit, the departments were not submitting the data in a consistent, uniformed way. Starting November 2nd, worked to enter the 2019 data into an electronic system; they plan to make this available to the public after removing identifiable information.
 - Ken Barone shared a 3-page draft of the new Police Use of Force reporting form. This form will be filled out electronically across all departments to ease future data collection. The form will hopefully be ready by April 1st.
- There was further discussion by the subgroup to broadly define “force” to simplify collection of data, especially when juveniles are involved in the process. It was recommend to also highlight the de-escalation process and strategies on the form. The subgroup should incorporate suggestions by youth regarding the reporting form and the de-escalation strategies. Members were encouraged to engage their youth in this conversation and provide the feedback to the group. There was further discussion regarding training and policy changes
- Next Steps:
 - Define police use of force and the de-escalation process; broaden it for youth and for others and get feedback from youth.
 - The RED workgroup will present their recommendations to the JJPOC January 2021.

Next Meeting- TBD