

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 6, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

SUBJECT Dallas Police Department "8 Can't Wait Campaign" Update

The Dallas Police Department would like to provide an update on its Use of Force Policy changes that were made to align with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Campaign "8 Can't Wait." This Initiative shows that the review and implementation of use of force policy changes can greatly reduce the number of Officer -Involved Shootings.

8 Can't Wait Use of Force Policies	
Require De-Escalation	Use of Force Continuum
Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds	Require Warning Before Shooting
Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles	Duty to Intervene
Require Use of Force Continuum	Require Comprehensive Reporting

On June 3, 2020 the department began the process of reviewing and implementing revisions to align with the "8 Can't Wait Campaign" policy recommendations. The first policy update was a General Order banning chokeholds. The Department originally removed chokeholds from the Use of Force Continuum on August 4, 2004 and documented this change in a roll call training bulletin. Second, the department codified a Duty to Intervene Policy (both sworn and non-sworn members) documenting the obligation to protect the public and other employees from excessive or unnecessary force by members of the Department. Next, a policy requiring officers to issue a verbal warning. Before using deadly force, if feasible, officers shall identify themselves as peace officers and audibly command the subject to submit to their authority or deadly force may be used. Finally, a policy prohibiting an officer from discharging firearms at moving or fleeing vehicles.

As of September 5, 2020, the Dallas Police Departments use of policies align with all eight policy recommendations of the "8 Can't Wait Campaign." Additionally, as of July 2020, the Dallas Police Department made additional changes. The Narcotics Division will no longer execute No-Knock Warrants, all dynamic warrants will only be executed by Dallas SWAT.

The Dallas Police Department will continue to review its procedures to ensure they are in line with best practices and national standards.

  
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