

Carlsbad Police Department

Policy Manual Special Order 2024-05

Pursuant to Carlsbad Police Department Policy 204, this Special Order becomes effective October 03, 2024.

Policy section 318.2.5 reads as follows:

318.2.5 REPORTING CANINE USE, BITES AND INJURIES

Whenever a canine is deployed and intentionally bites or otherwise causes injury to a suspect, the Canine Unit Supervisor will be called to the scene to conduct a use-of-force investigation. The deployment and injuries shall be documented in a Canine Use Report Form and in any related incident or arrest report. In the event the Canine Unit Supervisor is unable to immediately respond to the scene, the Watch Commander will make every attempt to locate a current supervisor (or higher-ranking personnel) with prior canine experience to respond in the Canine Unit Supervisor's absence. In the event there are no available personnel meeting these standards, the on-duty supervisor will follow the Canine Use of Force guideline to conduct a thorough Canine Unit Supervisor Use of Force report documenting the deployment and any related injuries in accordance with Policy 300.7. In the event the Canine Unit Supervisor is unable to respond, or other qualified personnel is unavailable, all documentation shall be thoroughly reviewed by the Canine Unit Supervisor or Canine Unit Manager as soon as practical. This review shall include compliance with this policy and address training issues where applicable.

Any unintended bite or injury caused by the canine during deployments, operations, training, presentations or under any other circumstances, either on- or off-duty, shall be promptly reported to the Canine Unit Supervisor. Unintended bites or injuries caused by the canine should be documented in an administrative report, not on a Canine Use Report Form.


Christie Calderwood, Chief of Police

10/3/24
Date

K9 USE OF FORCE SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINE

ORIGIN:

SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS AND ACTIONS:

What force options were used?

Is the officer injured or the suspect injured? Have injuries been treated?

Did you give any commands and/or warnings before using force?

Capture other resources that were used in conjunction with the force option(s).

Identify witnesses and obtain statements.

WITNESS STATEMENTS:

What happened?

What did the officers/suspects do?

Where were you when you witnessed the incident?

STATEMENT OF SUSPECT:

Admonish suspect...

What happened?

What did you do? What did the officers do?

Did you know the officers were police officers?

Did the officers give you any commands or warnings? Did you comply? Why not?

Are you injured?

Did you have any pre-existing injuries?

Have you recently consumed any alcohol or drugs?

Do you suffer from any mental health disorders?

OFFICER INJURIES:

SUSPECT INJURIES:

CANVAS FOR SURVEILLANCE VIDEO:

Results...

BWC REVIEW

Review for consistency with statements and other evidence. Evaluate the circumstances surrounding the incident and complete a Supervisor's Complaint Summary report if there is a question of policy non-compliance or if, for any reason, further administrative investigation may be appropriate.

EVIDENCE:

Ensure adequate photographs are captured. List evidence and ensure that it is booked and/or uploaded into QueTel

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FILE REVIEW:

Officer Jones was the arresting officer and completed the arrest report. Douglas was booked into VDF on the following charges: 2800.2(A)CVC, 459PC, 530.5(E)PC, 182PC, 20002CVC, **148(a)(1)PC, 69PC**, 594(A)(B)(1)PC, and warrants out of LAPD, and CHP Los Angeles for vehicle theft. Officer Smith completed the related crime report. Officer Davis completed a use-of-force report documenting the use of his police K9. I reviewed and approved this report in NetRMS.