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# HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONAL POLICY

## Use of Force Review Committee

<b>Distribution:</b>	<b>All Personnel</b>		<b>Policy Number:</b>	<b>OPS 0508</b>
<b>Responsible Unit:</b>	<b>Use of Force Review Committee</b>		<b>Rescinds:</b>	<b>OPS 0508 dated 6/15/18</b>
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<b>Latest Required Review Completed:</b>	<b>02/03/25</b>		<b>Next Review Due:</b>	<b>02/29/28</b>

### 1. Purpose

To establish the Harford County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Use of Force Review Committee (UFRC).

### 2. Policy

To comply with the HCSO Use of Force Policy OPS 0501, the HCSO will establish the UFRC.

### 3. References

HCSO Use of Force Policy OPS 0501

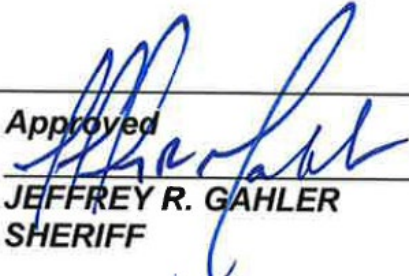
### 4. Procedures

#### A. Use of Force Review Committee

1. The Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division will serve as the Chairperson of the UFRC.
2. The UFRC will be composed of representatives from each division and the detention center.
3. Division Commanders will appoint a representative from their division to participate in the UFRC and notify the UFRC Chairperson of their selection.
4. Use of Force Reports will be automatically forwarded through the Records Management System (RMS) to the Chairperson of the UFRC.
5. The Committee will report to the Chief Deputy and will meet at least once every 90 days to analyze reports filed to determine if any patterns or trends in the use of force exist within the HCSO that would affect the training needs of employees, equipment issued to employees, or agency policy and procedure.
6. The Chairperson of the UFRC will compile an annual analytical report concerning incidents involving both lethal and non-lethal uses of force and displays of weapons by HCSO personnel, including the analysis of the quarterly meetings, and forward it to the Chief Deputy.
7. The report will be completed in a format established by the Sheriff and submitted to the Chief Deputy by January 31 of each year for all use of force incidents that occurred in the preceding year.

**5. Summary of Changes**

- A. On 02/03/25 the scheduled 3-year policy review was conducted and no changes were made.

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