Goal:

The workgroup will conduct a review of written policies and procedures within the agency to determine if improvement is necessary. The workgroup will make recommendation for improvement where necessary.

--Letter to task force members from former Sheriff Gary Wilson
Policy/Procedure Task Force Team

Members

• A diverse group of participants from:
  - Manager of Safety
  - Denver Sheriff Department
  - City Attorney’s Office
  - Office of Independent Monitor
  - American Civil Liberties Union

• Tania Valenzuela-C.P.C
• Dellenä Aguilar-Servicios de la Raza
• Pastor Del Phillips-GMDMA
• Christie Donner-CCJRC
• Amy Stapleton-Building Bridges
• Brendan Greene-CIRC
Methodology:
How did we get here?

- Group meetings once a week between April – August
- Presentations by various DSD personnel
  - Use of Force-D/S Yamaguchi presenting
  - Use of Force-DPD Tech Brill presenting
- 28 hours of group discussion analyzing:
  - ICE Detainers
  - Use of Force Policy
  - Taser Policy
  - Excited Delirium
  - Grievance Policy
  - Inmate Handbook
Proposed Draft Recommendations

1. Denver Sheriff Department policy change regarding ICE I-247 detainers.
   - Department honored recommendation to no longer accepting I-247 detainers, memo to staff April 29, 2014.
   - Policy adjustment to assure compliance.
Proposed Draft Recommendations

2. Recommended changes to the Taser Policy.

- Taser recommendations are adopted and memo sent out to staff on July 12, 2014.
- Drive stun mode shall not be used for pain compliance.
- Taser only authorized for conditions of Active Aggression or Aggravated Active Aggression.
3. Use of Force Policy (UOF)

- Recommends that the Office of Independent Monitor receives automated notification when a use of force incident occurs and there is serious bodily injury.
- Include force variables in the policy and make them accessible to deputies during the writing of their use of force reports.
Proposed Draft Recommendations

Use of Force Policy (UOF) Continued

- Recommends looking at DPD use of force reporting and determine if and how any of their practices might benefit the DSD use of force reporting.
Proposed Draft Recommendations

4. Excited Delirium

- Workgroup suggests that the topic of excited delirium is addressed in policy.
- Tri-agency (DPD, DSD, DFD) excited delirium protocols are in place and will be included in the Use of Force Policy.
Proposed Draft Recommendations

5. Inmate Handbook

- Publish inmate handbook on internet for public access.
- Numerous suggested language changes.
- Prison Rape Elimination Act: Forming a joint PREA task force (DSD, DPD, OIM) to establish PREA investigatory protocols, determine training needs, establish curriculum.
Next Steps

1. Review suggested policy changes with the Sheriff, City Attorney and Executive Director.
2. Eliminate redundancies with other task forces.
3. Present final recommendations to the Mayor’s Office and outside consultant for further analysis and implementation.