

November 3, 2017

TO: Sheriff John Urquhart

FR: Deborah Jacobs, Director, Office of Law Enforcement Oversight

RE: Updating Use of Force policy to include Providing Aid/Care After Fire

Following the commencement of KCSO's three-day live in-service training covering topics including tactical de-escalation, defensive tactics, procedural justice, and "care under fire," OLEO recommends updating the General Orders Manual (GOM) to bring it in-line with current training.

Specifically, during the "care under fire" portion of the training, deputies are encouraged, if safe and feasible, to provide aid to persons injured during a use of force incident until medical aid arrives. In some circumstances, this aid could be life-saving and conveys good intentions to the family and public. Some members have provided aid immediately after a shooting in at least a couple incidents this year. It is not currently a policy in the GOM, but OLEO recommends adding it. In proposing this policy, we are mindful that it is not always safe to provide aid following a use of force incident and that not all members involved in a use of force incident will have the mental or physical ability to provide aid.

The following is the proposed language and a section where the policy could be added:

6.00.015

USE OF FORCE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT: 09/16

- When possible, mMembers shall call for medical aid as soon as possible when there is an obvious, suspected or alleged injury to any person involved in the use of force.
- When safe and feasible, members are encouraged to provide aid, such as applying tourniquets or bandages, to persons injured during a use of force incident.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.