

COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION POLICY RECOMMENDATION

RPD POLICY AND PROCEDURES 4.7

FIREARMS

Rationale for the Policy Recommendation:

As a result of an investigation into the officer involved death of a citizen the Community Police Review Commission found that the Riverside Police Department has a specific policy governing shooting from a moving vehicle at Section 4.7.F.3.b.2. However, the Commission was unable to find a policy covering shooting at a moving vehicle.

In the case investigated by the Commission, officers fired a total of eleven rounds at a suspect in a residential neighborhood. One fatally struck the suspect who was driving a truck. Eight struck the truck, one a mailbox and another the window frame of a house down range. Fortunately, no one but the suspect was injured and property damage was minimal. This may not always be the case.

Policy Recommendation:

1. The Community Police Review Commission recommends that Policy 4.7 be modified to include language governing shooting at a moving vehicle.
2. The Community Police Review Commission also recommends that training be established or modified to teach officers to consider the surrounding environment before firing their weapons. In this case, the surrounding environment would have been the distance between the driver and officer, the lighting conditions, movement of the vehicle, and persons and objects down range.

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Community Police Review Commission

Date