

(4) "Internal Investigative Division" shall mean an official internal investigative unit under the organizational structure of the Department or other law enforcement unit.

(5) "Internal Investigative Division Report" shall mean the official file of an investigation conducted by the Internal Investigative Division as the result of a complaint against a police officer.

(6) "Members of the department" shall mean and include all persons and personnel employed by the department, whether civilian employees or police officers.

(7) "Police officers" shall mean all those members of the department having and exercising the powers of police officers, as provided in this subtitle, and shall specifically include the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, all deputy police commissioners, and such other ranks or positions which the Commissioner may determine require experience as a police officer as a prerequisite.

(8) "Civilian employees" shall mean all members of the department other than police officers.

(9) "Examining authority" shall mean the Civil Service Commission of Baltimore.

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(a) In this subheading the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Abusive language" means harsh, violent, profane, or derogatory language which would demean the dignity of an individual.

(2) "Abusive language" includes profanity and racial, ethnic, or sexist slurs.

(c) (1) "Excessive force" means the use of greater physical force than reasonably necessary to repel an attacker or terminate resistance.

(2) "Excessive force" does not include force that is reasonably necessary to effect a lawful purpose.

(D) "FALSE ARREST" MEANS:

~~(1) THE ASSERTION OF AN AUTHORITY TO DETAIN A PERSON THAT IS:~~

~~(I) BASED ON INFORMATION THE PERSON ASSERTING AUTHORITY EITHER KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW IS ERRONEOUS; OR~~

~~(II) WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY;~~

~~(2) THE UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT OF ANOTHER PERSON'S LIBERTY OR FREEDOM OF LOCOMOTION WITHOUT THAT PERSON'S CONSENT; OR~~

~~(3) THE INSTIGATION OR PARTICIPATION BY A PERSON IN THE FALSE ARREST OF ANOTHER PERSON. AN ARREST MADE WITHOUT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION.~~

(E) "FALSE IMPRISONMENT" MEANS: