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CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

16-41.

(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) "HARASSMENT" MEANS:

(1) REPEATED, UNWARRANTED VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ANNOYANCES; OR

(2) UNWARRANTED THREATS OR UNWARRANTED DEMANDS.

16-42.

(A) THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF BALTIMORE CITY IS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT, STATUTORY AGENCY IN BALTIMORE CITY THROUGH WHICH:

(1) COMPLAINTS LODGED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, HARASSMENT, OR EXCESSIVE FORCE BY POLICE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE PROCESSED, INVESTIGATED UNDER § 16-46 OF THIS SUBHEADING, AND EVALUATED; AND

(2) DEPARTMENT POLICIES MAY BE REVIEWED.

(B) JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD SHALL EXTEND ONLY TO COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS WITH RESPECT TO ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, HARASSMENT, AND USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AS DEFINED IN § 16-41 OF THIS SUBHEADING AND BY DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PLACE POSTERS IN ALL POLICE STATIONS AND ELSEWHERE THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURE FOR FILING A COMPLAINT.

(D) AN EXPLANATION OF THE BOARD'S COMPLAINT PROCEDURES SHALL BE MADE TO ALL POLICE OFFICERS IN A GENERAL ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MANUAL OF RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS.