

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CIVIL ACTION NO.  
12-CV-01924**

**Plaintiff**

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**v.**

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**SECTION E  
JUDGE SUSIE MORGAN  
DIVISION 2  
MAGISTRATE WILKINSON**

**THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

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**Defendant**

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSENT DECREE REGARDING**

**THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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The City of New Orleans (“City”), including the New Orleans Police Department (“NOPD” or “Department”), and the United States of America (collectively, “the Parties”) enter into this agreement (“Agreement”) with the goal of ensuring that police services are delivered to the people of New Orleans in a manner that complies with the Constitution and laws of the United States. The Parties have a shared recognition that the ability of a police department to protect the community it serves is only as strong as the relationship it has with that community. Public safety, constitutional policing, and the community’s trust in its police force are thus interdependent. The full and sustained implementation of this Agreement is intended to protect the constitutional rights of all members of the community, improve the safety and security of the people of New Orleans, and increase public confidence in the New Orleans Police Department.

To achieve these goals, NOPD agrees to fundamentally change the way it polices throughout the New Orleans Community. This Agreement thus requires the City and the Department to implement new policies, training, and practices throughout the Department, including in the areas of: use of force; stops, searches, seizures, and arrests; photographic lineups; custodial interrogations; discriminatory policing; community engagement; recruitment; training; performance evaluations; promotions; officer assistance and support; supervision; secondary employment; and misconduct-complaint intake, investigation, and adjudication.

Noting the general principle that settlements are to be encouraged, particularly settlements between government entities, and having considered the terms of the measures set forth herein, and that the Defendant agrees to resolve the United States’ claims without resort to adversarial litigation, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Judgment shall be entered in this matter pursuant to the following terms and conditions:

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Background**

In May 2010, the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) formally notified the City that it was initiating an investigation of the New Orleans Police Department for an alleged pattern or practice of unlawful misconduct, pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14141 (“Section 14141”) (recodified at 34 U.S.C. § 12601); the anti-discrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act

of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d (“Safe Streets Act”); and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (“Title VI”).

As part of its investigation, DOJ, in conjunction with its police-practices consultants, conducted a detailed fact-finding review, including numerous tours of NOPD facilities; interviews with New Orleans officials, NOPD command staff, supervisors, and police officers; review of more than 36,000 pages of documents; and meetings with residents, community groups, and other stakeholders within the City. In addition, DOJ participated in detailed exit interviews between its police-practices consultants and NOPD officials following each investigatory tour.

DOJ issued a written report of its findings (“Report”) on March 16, 2011. The Report documents DOJ’s finding of a number of patterns or practices of unconstitutional conduct and details DOJ’s concerns about a number of NOPD policies and practices.

DOJ’s investigation was conducted with the full cooperation of the City and NOPD. This Agreement is the product of a cooperative effort built on the Parties’ mutual commitment to constitutional policing. The Parties acknowledge the many NOPD officers who perform their difficult jobs diligently and with integrity.

**B. General Provisions**

1. This Agreement is effectuated pursuant to the authority granted to DOJ under Section 14141, the Safe Streets Act, and Title VI to seek declaratory or equitable relief to remedy a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers that deprives individuals of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution or federal law.
2. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to undermine the lawful authority of NOPD police officers to use reasonable and necessary force, effect arrests, conduct searches or make seizures, or otherwise fulfill their law enforcement obligations to the people of New Orleans in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Constitutions and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana.
3. Nothing in this Agreement, the United States’ Complaint, or the negotiation process shall be construed as an admission or evidence of liability under any federal, state, or municipal law including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Nor is the City’s entry into this Agreement an admission by the City, NOPD, or any officer or employee of either entity, that they have engaged in any unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise improper activities or conduct.

4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345. The United States is authorized to initiate this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 14141 (recodified at 34 U.S.C. § 12601) and 42 U.S.C. § 3789d. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Louisiana pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because the Defendant is located in, and the claims arose in, the Eastern District of Louisiana.

5. The Parties enter into this Agreement jointly for the purpose of avoiding the burdens of litigation and to support vigorous and constitutional law enforcement. Moreover, joint entry of this Agreement is in the public interest since it provides for the expeditious implementation of corrective measures, promotes the use of the best available policing practices and procedures, and avoids the diversion of federal and City resources to adversarial actions by the Parties.

6. This Agreement resolves all claims in the United States' Complaint filed in this case. This Agreement also constitutes a full and complete settlement of any and all civil claims the United States may have as of the Effective Date against the City and its officers, employees, or agents, regarding any alleged pattern or practice of conduct by New Orleans police officers in carrying out their law enforcement responsibilities.

7. This Agreement shall constitute the entire integrated agreement of the Parties. No prior drafts or prior or contemporaneous communications, oral or written, shall be relevant or admissible for purposes of determining the meaning of any provisions herein in any litigation or any other proceeding.

8. This Agreement is binding upon all Parties hereto, by and through their officials, agents, employees, and successors. If the City establishes or reorganizes a government agency or entity whose function includes overseeing, regulating, accrediting, investigating, or otherwise reviewing the operations of NOPD or any aspect thereof, the City agrees to ensure these functions and entities are consistent with the terms of this Agreement and shall incorporate the terms of this Agreement into the oversight, regulatory, accreditation, investigation, or review functions of the government agency or entity as necessary to ensure consistency.

9. This Agreement is enforceable only by the Parties. No person or entity is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of the provisions of this Agreement for purposes of any civil, criminal, or administrative action. Accordingly, no person or entity may assert any claim or right as a beneficiary or protected class under this Agreement.



**10.** In the event of any public-records request, requesting drafts of this Agreement or communications among the Parties leading to this Agreement, the Court will maintain continuing jurisdiction over any such request. Further, the Parties may assert in any action, motion, subpoena, or request for disclosure the ongoing applicability of a settlement privilege to all such drafts or communications among the Parties leading to this Agreement. The assertion of such privilege would be decided by the court with jurisdiction over the action, motion, subpoena, or request for disclosure.

**11.** This Agreement is not intended to limit or expand the right of any person or organization to seek relief against the City, NOPD, or any officer or employee thereof, for their conduct or the conduct of NOPD officers; accordingly, it does not alter legal standards governing any such claims by third parties, including those arising from city, state, or federal law. This Agreement does not expand, nor will it be construed to expand, access to any City, NOPD, or DOJ documents, except as expressly provided by this Agreement, by persons or entities other than DOJ, the Defendant, and the Monitor.

**12.** The City is responsible for providing necessary support and resources to NOPD to enable NOPD to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

**13.** The Defendant, by and through its officials, agents, employees, and successors, is enjoined from engaging in conduct that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the laws of the United States.

**C. Definitions/Abbreviations**

**14.** The following terms and definitions shall apply to this Agreement:

a) “Active resistance” means a subject attempts to attack or does attack an officer; exhibits aggressive behavior (e.g., lunging toward the officer, striking the officer with hands, fists, kicks or any instrument that may be perceived as a weapon such as a knife or stick); or exhibits defensive resistance (e.g., attempts to leave the scene, flee, hide from detection, or pull away from the officer’s grasp). Verbal statements, bracing, or tensing alone do not constitute active resistance.

b) “Apprehension” means the arrest, capture, or taking into custody of a person.

c) “Arrest” is the taking of one person into custody by another. To constitute arrest there must be an actual restraint of the person. The restraint may be imposed by force or may result from the submission of the person arrested to the custody of the one arresting him. An

arrest is a restraint of greater scope or duration than an investigatory stop or detention. An arrest is lawful when supported by probable cause.

d) “AVL” means “Automatic Vehicle Locator,” a device that automatically tracks the geographic position of a vehicle and transmits that information to a receiver.

e) “Bilingual staff” means a staff person who has demonstrated and verified proficiency, pursuant to generally accepted objective criteria, in both spoken English and at least one other language as authorized by NOPD.

f) “Bite ratio” means the number of canine apprehensions that result in a bite, divided by the number of canine apprehensions. Accidental and/or unintentional bites shall be included in the numerator.

g) “Body cavity search” means any visual or physical inspection of a person’s genital or anal region with or without any physical contact with or intrusion into a body cavity.

h) “Canine apprehension” means any time a canine is deployed and plays a clear and well-documented role in the capture of a person. The mere presence of a canine at the scene of an arrest shall not count as a canine apprehension.

i) “Canine deployment” means any situation, except one involving an on-leash article search only, in which a canine is brought to the scene and used in an attempt to locate or apprehend a suspect, whether or not a suspect actually is located or apprehended.

j) “CCMS” means Criminal Case Management System.

k) “Civilian Employee” means any non-sworn personnel employed by NOPD, on either a temporary or permanent basis, in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

l) “City” means the City of New Orleans, including its agents, officers, and employees.

m) “CIT” means Crisis Intervention Team.

n) “Clearance” means an arrest leading to prosecution for an offense is made or an offense is cleared by exception. Offenses cleared by exception must be supported by all of the following factors: 1) the identity of the offender is known; 2) probable cause exists to support arrest and prosecution of the offender; and 3) the exact location of the offender is known, but something prevents the immediate arrest, such as the death of the offender, including suicide, or the offender is currently in custody at a correctional facility in another jurisdiction.

o) “Complainant” means any person, including an NOPD officer or employee, who makes a

complaint against NOPD or an officer or employee of NOPD.

p) “Complaint” means any complaint regarding NOPD services, policy or procedure, any claim for damages, or any criminal matter that alleges possible misconduct by an NOPD officer or employee. For purposes of this Agreement, the term “complaint” does not include any allegation of employment discrimination.

q) “Court” means the United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana presiding over this case.

r) “Critical firearm discharge” means a discharge of a firearm by an NOPD officer, including discharges where no person or animal is struck. Range and training firings, destruction of animals, and off-duty hunting discharges where no person is struck are not critical firearm discharges.

s) “Custodial Interrogation” means words or actions on the part of an officer that the officer knows or should know are reasonably likely to elicit an incriminating response, after a person has been taken into custody.

t) “DA” means the Orleans Parish District Attorney’s Office.

u) “Defensive resistance” means resistance exhibited by a suspect that is between passive resistance and active resistance (e.g., attempts to leave the scene, flee, hide from detection, or pull away from the officer’s grasp).

v) “Demographic Category” means age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

w) “Discipline” means a personnel action for violation of an established law, regulation, rule, or NOPD policy, including an admonishment, written reprimand, suspension, demotion, or dismissal.

x) “Discriminatory Policing” means selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, including the selecting or rejecting of particular policing tactics or strategies based on membership in a demographic category specified in this Agreement. Discriminatory policing does not include using race, ethnicity, or any other status in any reliable and recent suspect-specific description.

y) “District” means one of the eight police service areas of NOPD located throughout New Orleans that is led through the chain of command by a District Commander.

z) “DOJ” means the United States Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division and its

agents and employees.

aa) “DVU” means Domestic Violence Unit.

bb) “ECW” means Electronic Control Weapon, a weapon designed primarily to discharge electrical charges into a subject that will cause involuntary muscle contractions and overrides the subject’s voluntary motor responses.

cc) “ECW application” means the contact and delivery of electrical impulse to a subject with an Electronic Control Weapon.

dd) “Effective Date” means the day this Agreement is entered by the Court.

ee) “EWS” means Early Warning System.

ff) “FBI” means the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

gg) “Firearm” means a pistol, revolver, shotgun, carbine, or machine gun, as well as any instrument capable of discharging a bullet or shot.

hh) “FIT” means Force Investigation Team, the NOPD unit tasked with conducting investigations of serious uses of force; uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer; uses of force by NOPD personnel of a rank higher than sergeant; and uses of force reassigned to FIT by the Superintendent, the Superintendent’s designee, or PIB. FIT shall also investigate all instances where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD.

ii) “Force Statement” means a written statement documenting a use of force as required by this Agreement.

jj) “FTO” means Field Training Officer.

kk) “IACP” means International Association of Chiefs of Police.

ll) “ICO” means Integrity Control Officer.

mm) “Implement” or “implementation” means the development or putting into place of a policy or procedure, including the appropriate training of all relevant personnel, and the consistent and verified performance of that policy or procedure in actual practice.

nn) “Including” means “including, but not limited to.”

oo) “Interpretation” means the act of listening to a communication in one language (source language) and orally converting it into another language (target language), while retaining the same meaning.

pp) “Interview” means questioning for the purpose of eliciting facts or information.

qq) “Investigatory stop” or “investigatory detention” means a temporary restraint where the subject of the stop or detention reasonably believes that s/he is not free to leave. An investigatory stop or detention may be a pedestrian, vehicle, or bicycle stop.

rr) “IPM” means the Independent Police Monitor.

ss) “Less-lethal force” means force employed that is neither likely nor intended to cause death or serious injury.

tt) “Less-lethal weapon” means any apprehension or restraint tool that, when used as designed and intended, is less likely to cause death or serious injury than a conventional lethal weapon (e.g., firearm).

uu) “Lethal force” means any use of force likely to cause death or serious physical injury, (e.g., the use of a firearm, neck hold, or strike to the head, neck, or throat with a hard object).

vv) “LEP” means Limited English Proficient, and refers to a person who does not speak English as his/her primary language and has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. LEP individuals may be competent in certain types of communication (e.g., speaking or understanding), but still be LEP for other purposes (e.g., reading or writing).

ww) “LGBT” means Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender.

xx) “Major Special Events” include Mardi Gras; Jazz Fest; Essence Music Festival; French Quarter Festival; Voodoo Fest; college bowl and college championship events; professional sporting events; and other events as designated by the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, the City Attorney, City Council, or the Superintendent of Police as a “Major Special Event.”

yy) “MCTU” means Mobile Crisis Transportation Unit.

zz) “Monitor” means a person or team of people who shall be selected to monitor and report on implementation of this Agreement.

aaa) “Neck hold” means one of the following types of holds: (1) arm-bar control hold, a hold that inhibits breathing by compression of the airway in the neck; (2) carotid restraint hold, a hold that inhibits blood flow by compression of the blood vessels in the neck; (3) a lateral vascular neck constraint; or (4) a hold with a knee or other object to the back of a prone subject’s neck. A neck hold shall be considered lethal force.

bbb) “NOFJC” means the New Orleans Family Justice Center.

ccc) “Non-disciplinary corrective action” means action other than discipline taken by an NOPD supervisor to enable or encourage an officer to improve his or her performance.

ddd) “NOPD” means the New Orleans Police Department and its agents, officers, supervisors, and employees (both sworn and unsworn).

eee) “NOPD unit” means any designated organization of officers within NOPD, including districts and specialized units.

fff) “NOPDAI” means NOPD Authorized Interpreter, a bilingual NOPD employee, who has been authorized to interpret for others in certain situations, such as interviews, interrogations, or taking and responding to citizen complaints.

ggg) “NOPDAI List” means a list of NOPD personnel who are bilingual and are authorized to act as volunteer interpreters.

hhh) “Passive Resistance” means behavior that is unresponsive to police verbal communication or direction (e.g., ignoring or disregarding police attempts at verbal communication or control; going limp; or failing to physically respond or move) and verbal resistance (e.g., verbally rejecting police verbal communication or direction; telling the officer that he or she will not comply with police direction, to leave alone, or not bother him or her). Bracing, tensing, linking arms, or verbally signaling an intention to avoid or prevent being taken into custody constitutes passive resistance.

iii) “PCAB” means Police-Community Advisory Board.

jjj) “Personnel” means NOPD officers and employees.

kkk) “PIB” means the Public Integrity Bureau, the NOPD unit charged with conducting internal and administrative investigations of NOPD officers and employees.

lll) “Police officer” or “officer” means any law enforcement agent employed by NOPD, including supervisors and cadets.

mmm) “Policies and Procedures” means written regulations or directives, regardless of the name of the regulation or directive, describing the duties, functions, and obligations of NOPD officers and/or employees, and providing specific direction in how to fulfill those duties, functions, or obligations.

nnn) “POST” means the Louisiana Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

ooo) “Probable cause” means that the facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time would justify a prudent person in believing that the suspect committed or was

committing an offense.

ppp) “Reasonable Force” means force that is objectively reasonable under the circumstances and the minimum amount of force necessary to effect an arrest or protect the officer or other person.

qqq) “Reasonable suspicion” means articulable facts that, within the totality of the circumstances, lead an officer to reasonably suspect that criminal activity has been or is about to be committed.

rrr) “RSE” means Recurring Secondary Employment.

sss) “SART” means Sexual Assault Response Team.

ttt) “Seizure” or “detention” occurs when an officer’s words or actions would convey to a reasonable person that he or she is not free to leave.

uuu) “Serious physical injury” means physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death; causes death or serious and protracted disfigurement; or causes impairment of the function of any bodily organ or limb.

vvv) “Serious use of force” means: (1) all uses of lethal force by an NOPD officer; (2) all critical firearm discharges by an NOPD officer; (3) all uses of force by an NOPD officer resulting in serious physical injury or requiring hospitalization; (4) all neck holds; (5) all uses of force by an NOPD officer resulting in a loss of consciousness; (6) all canine bites; (7) more than two applications of an ECW on an individual during a single interaction, regardless of the mode or duration of the application, and whether the applications are by the same or different officers, or ECW application for longer than 15 seconds, whether continuous or consecutive; and (8) any strike, blow, kick, ECW application, or similar use of force against a handcuffed subject.

www) “Service firearm” means any firearm issued to sworn personnel by the Department.

xxx) “Shall” or “Agrees to” means that the provision imposes a mandatory duty.

yyy) “Specialized unit” means a temporary or permanent organization of officers within NOPD, whose operational objectives are focused on a specific law enforcement purpose beyond general patrol or criminal investigations, and that require enhanced training on police tactics, strategies, or techniques.

zzz) “Strip search” means any search of an individual requiring the removal or rearrangement of some or all clothing to permit visual inspection of the suspect’s

groin/genital area, buttocks, female breasts, or undergarments covering these areas.

aaaa) “Superintendent” means the Superintendent of NOPD.

bbbb) “Supervisor” means a sworn NOPD employee at the rank of sergeant or above (or anyone acting in those capacities) and non-sworn NOPD personnel with oversight responsibility for other officers.

cccc) “Translation” means the replacement of written text from one language (source language) with an equivalent written text in another language (target language).

dddd) “Use of force” means physical effort to compel compliance by an unwilling subject above unresisted handcuffing, including pointing a firearm at a person. A reportable use of force is any force above hand control or escort techniques applied for the purposes of handcuffing, or escort techniques that are not used as pressure point compliance techniques, do not result in injury or complaint of injury, and are not used to overcome resistance.

eeee) “Use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer” means force that a reasonable and trained supervisor would conclude could result in criminal charges due to the apparent circumstances of the use of force, such as the level of the force used as compared to the resistance encountered, or discrepancies in the use of force as described by the officer and the use of force as evidenced by any resulting injuries, witness statements, or other evidence.

ffff) “Use of Force Report” means a written report documenting a supervisor’s investigation of a use of force as required by this Agreement.

gggg) “UFRB” means Use of Force Review Board.

hhhh) “USAO” means the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New Orleans.

iiii) “VAW” means violence against women.

jjjj) “Vehicle stop” means any instance where an NOPD officer directs a civilian operating a motor vehicle of any type to stop and the driver is detained for any length of time.

## **II. POLICIES AND TRAINING GENERALLY**

NOPD agrees that its policies and procedures shall reflect and express the Department’s core values and priorities, and provide clear direction to ensure that officers and civilian employees enforce the law effectively and constitutionally. NOPD and the City agree to ensure that all NOPD officers and employees are trained to understand and be able to fulfill their duties



and responsibilities pursuant to NOPD policies and procedures. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

**A. Policy Development, Review, and Implementation**

**15.** NOPD agrees to develop comprehensive and agency-wide policies and procedures that ensure consistency with, and full implementation of, this Agreement. Unless otherwise noted, NOPD agrees that all policies, procedures, and manuals shall be developed within 365 days of the Effective Date.

**16.** NOPD agrees that its policies and procedures shall define terms clearly, comply with applicable law and the requirements of this Agreement, and comport with best practices.

**17.** NOPD agrees to apply policies uniformly and hold officers accountable for complying with NOPD policies and procedures.

**18.** NOPD agrees to review each policy or procedure 365 days after it is implemented and annually thereafter, to ensure that the policy or procedure provides effective direction to NOPD personnel and remains consistent with the Agreement, best practices, and current law. NOPD also agrees to review and revise policies and procedures as necessary upon notice of a significant policy deficiency during audits or reviews. NOPD agrees that Department-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in a Department-level policy and procedure manual, and unit-wide policies and procedures shall be collected in unit-level policy and procedure manuals. NOPD agrees to develop and implement policy and procedure manuals for, at a minimum, the following NOPD functions:

- a) Field operations, including patrol, task forces, and special operations;
- b) Supervisory Procedural Manual;
- c) PIB, including case and records management, administrative investigations, confidential investigations, parallel criminal and administrative investigations, audits, and officer drug testing;
- d) Use of Force Reporting, Investigation, and Review, including both Supervisory and FIT investigations;
- e) Criminal investigations, including sub-units assigned to investigate homicides, sexual assaults, domestic violence, narcotics, vice, and illegal firearms; and
- f) Recruitment and Training, including Academy and In-Service training.

**19.** NOPD agrees that these manuals shall incorporate and otherwise be consistent with the requirements of this Agreement.

**20.** Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall set out a schedule for completing all policies, procedures, and manuals within 365 days of the Effective Date.

**21.** NOPD agrees to submit new and revised policies, procedures, and manuals related to: Use, Reporting, and Review of Force; Crisis Intervention Team; Stops, Searches, and Arrests; Custodial Interrogations; Biased Policing; Community Engagement; Academy and In-service Training; Supervision; and Misconduct Investigations (“the specified provisions”), to the Monitor and DOJ for review and comment prior to publication and implementation. If the Monitor or DOJ objects that the proposed new or revised policy, procedure, or manual does not incorporate the requirements of this Agreement, or is inconsistent with this Agreement or the law, it shall note this objection in writing to all parties within 15 business days of the receipt of the policy from NOPD. If neither the Monitor nor DOJ objects to the new or revised policy, procedure, or manual, NOPD agrees to implement it within 30 days of it being provided to DOJ and the Monitor.

**22.** NOPD shall have 15 days to resolve any objections to the new or revised policies, procedures, and manuals implementing the specified provisions. If, after this 15-day period has run, DOJ maintains its objection, then the Monitor shall have an additional 15 days to resolve the objection. If either party disagrees with the Monitor’s resolution of the objection, either Party may ask the Court to resolve the matter. The Monitor shall determine whether in some instances an additional amount of time is necessary to ensure full and proper review of policies. Factors to consider in making this determination include: (1) complexity of the policy; (2) extent of disagreement regarding policy; (3) number of policies provided simultaneously; and (4) extraordinary circumstances delaying review by DOJ or the Monitor. In determining whether these factors warrant additional time for review, the Monitor shall fully consider the importance of prompt implementation of policies, and shall allow additional time for policy review only where it is clear that additional time is necessary to ensure full and proper review. Any extension to the above timelines by the Monitor shall also toll NOPD’s deadline for policy completion.

**23.** For all other new and revised policies, procedures, and manuals related to this Agreement, NOPD agrees to provide the policy, procedure, or manual to DOJ and the Monitor

for review and comment. Within 30 days of receipt, DOJ or the Monitor may notify NOPD of any concerns that it has regarding the policy's compliance with this Agreement or the law. If concerns are expressed, NOPD agrees to review the policy, procedure, or manual and modify as necessary to ensure full implementation of, and compliance with, this Agreement and the law. If DOJ or the Monitor believes that the policy, procedure, or manual remains inconsistent with this Agreement or the law, it may ask the Court to resolve the matter.

**B. Training on Revised Policies, Procedures, and Practices**

**24.** Within 60 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide an opportunity for each officer and employee to learn about this Agreement and the responsibilities of each officer and employee pursuant to it.

**25.** Within 90 days of issuing a policy or procedure pursuant to this Agreement, NOPD agrees to ensure that all relevant NOPD personnel have received and read their responsibilities pursuant to the policy or procedure, including the requirement that each officer or employee reports violations of policy; that supervisors of all ranks be held accountable for identifying and responding to policy or procedure violations by personnel under their command; and that personnel be held accountable for policy and procedure violations. NOPD agrees to document that each relevant NOPD officer or other employee has received and read the policy. Training beyond roll call, or similar training, will be necessary for many new policies to ensure officers understand and can perform their duties pursuant to the policy.

**26.** Unless otherwise noted, the training required pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered within 365 days of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter. Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall set out a schedule for delivering all training required by this Agreement within 365 days of the Effective Date.

**III. USE OF FORCE**

NOPD agrees to develop and implement force policies, training, and review mechanisms that ensure that force by NOPD officers is used in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, and that any unreasonable uses of force are identified and responded to appropriately. NOPD agrees to ensure that officers use non-force techniques to affect compliance with police orders whenever feasible; use force only when necessary, and in a manner that avoids unnecessary injury to officers and civilians; and de-

escalate the use of force at the earliest possible moment. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Use of Force Principles**

**27.** Use of force by NOPD officers, regardless of the type of force or weapon used, shall abide by the following requirements:

- a) officers shall use advisements, warnings, and verbal persuasion, when possible, before resorting to force;
- b) force shall be de-escalated immediately as resistance decreases;
- c) when feasible based on the circumstances, officers will use disengagement; area containment; surveillance; waiting out a subject; summoning reinforcements; and/or calling in specialized units, in order to reduce the need for force and increase officer and civilian safety;
- d) officers shall allow individuals time to submit to arrest before force is used wherever possible;
- e) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit neck holds, except where lethal force is authorized;
- f) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit head strikes with a hard object, except where lethal force is authorized;
- g) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit using force against persons in handcuffs, except as objectively reasonable to prevent imminent bodily harm to the officer or another person or persons, or, as objectively reasonable, where physical removal is necessary to overcome passive resistance;
- h) NOPD shall explicitly prohibit the use of force above unresisted handcuffing to overcome passive resistance, except that physical removal is permitted as necessary and objectively reasonable;
- i) unholstering a firearm and pointing it at a person constitutes a use of force, and shall accordingly be done only as objectively reasonable to accomplish a lawful police objective;
- j) officers shall not use force to attempt to effect compliance with a command that is unlawful. Any use of force by an officer to subdue an individual resisting arrest or detention is unreasonable when the initial arrest or detention of the individual was unlawful;
- k) immediately following a use of force, officers and, upon arrival, a supervisor shall inspect and observe subjects for injury or complaints of pain resulting from the use of force, and

immediately obtain any necessary medical care. This may require an officer to provide emergency first aid until professional medical care providers are on scene.

**B. General Use of Force Policy**

**28.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement an overarching, agency-wide use of force policy that complies with applicable law and comports with best practices and current professional standards. The comprehensive use of force policy shall include all force techniques, technologies, and weapons, both lethal and less-lethal, that are available to NOPD officers, including standard-issue weapons that are made available to all officers, and weapons that are made available only to specialized units. The comprehensive use of force policy shall clearly define and describe each force option and the circumstances under which use of such force is appropriate. The general use of force policy will incorporate the use of force principles articulated above, and shall specify that the unreasonable use of force will subject officers to discipline, possible criminal prosecution, and/or civil liability.

**29.** In addition to a primary agency-wide use of force policy, NOPD agrees to develop and implement policies and protocols for each authorized weapon, including each of the types of force addressed below. No officer shall carry any weapon, or use force, that is not authorized by the Department. NOPD use of force policies shall include training and certification requirements that each officer must meet before being permitted to carry and use the authorized weapon.

**C. Vehicle Pursuits**

**30.** NOPD agrees to prohibit vehicle pursuits, except where an officer obtains express supervisory approval, and the officer and supervisor have considered multiple factors and determined that the immediate danger to the public created by the pursuit is less than the immediate or potential danger to the public should the suspect remain at large. NOPD agrees to strictly prohibit the creation of roadblocks (i.e., completely blocking the roadway with vehicles or any obstructions, with the exception of approved devices designed to demobilize the pursued vehicle's movement) during a vehicle pursuit, intentionally positioning oneself in the path of the pursued vehicle, boxing in a violator with moving vehicles, and ramming a violator.

**31.** NOPD agrees to track and analyze vehicle pursuits, including the violation that prompted the pursuit; the officer(s) involved in the pursuit; the supervisor approving the pursuit; the outcome of the pursuit; any officer, suspect, or bystander injuries or deaths; property damage;

and related criminal or civil legal actions. This data and analysis shall be included in the EWS and in NOPD's Use of Force Annual report.

**D. Use of Firearms**

**32.** Officers shall not possess or use unauthorized firearms or ammunition while on-duty.

**33.** All officers' firearms shall be filled with the capacity number of rounds while on-duty.

**34.** Critical firearm discharges by officers on- or off-duty shall be reported and investigated.

**35.** Officers shall not discharge a firearm from a moving vehicle or at a moving vehicle unless the occupants of the vehicle are using deadly force, other than the vehicle itself, against the officer or another person, and such action is necessary for self defense or to protect the other person; shall not intentionally place themselves in the path of, or reach inside, a moving vehicle; and, where possible, shall attempt to move out of the path of a moving vehicle before discharging their weapon.

**36.** Officers shall not draw or exhibit a firearm unless the circumstances surrounding the incident create a reasonable belief that a situation may escalate to the point where lethal force would be authorized. NOPD policy and training shall require and teach proper techniques for unholstering, drawing, or exhibiting a firearm.

**37.** Officers shall be required at least once each year to successfully qualify with each firearm they are authorized to use or carry while on-duty. Officers who fail to qualify shall immediately relinquish NOPD issued firearms on which they failed to qualify. Those officers who still fail to qualify after remedial training within a reasonable time shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Critical firearms discharge related data and analysis shall be tracked in the EWS and in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.

**E. Use of Canines**

**38.** DOJ acknowledges that NOPD has implemented an interim canine policy and has initiated significant improvements in its canine operations, including improvements in the quality and amount of training of canine teams, improvements in handler control of canines, personnel changes, and equipment procurement. Building on these steps, NOPD agrees to finalize and implement canine policies and procedures that comply with applicable law and the requirements of this Agreement, and that comport with best practices and current professional standards.

**39.** Canine handlers shall limit off-leash canine deployments, searches, and other instances where there is an increased risk of a canine bite to a suspect to instances in which the suspect is

wanted for a violent felony or is reasonably suspected to be armed based upon individualized information specific to the subject.

**40.** A canine handler shall keep his or her canine within visual and auditory range during deployments at all times, except when a canine clears a threshold (e.g., rounding a corner, entering a room, ascending/descending a stairwell, or entering a confined space, such as a crawl-space).

**41.** A canine supervisor shall be on call or on-duty at all times. A canine handler shall have approval from a canine supervisor (sergeant or higher) prior to deployment. If the handler is unable to contact a canine-unit supervisor, the handler shall seek approval from the watch commander before the canine can be deployed. The approving supervisor shall not serve as a canine handler in the deployment.

**42.** Canine handlers shall issue three loud and clear warnings that a canine will be deployed and advise the suspect to surrender, unless such warnings impose an imminent threat of danger to the canine handler or other officers on scene. A canine handler shall allow a sufficient period of time between each warning to provide a suspect an opportunity to surrender. These warnings shall be given in either Spanish or Vietnamese if the suspect is reasonably believed to be a Latino or Vietnamese LEP individual.

**43.** Canine handlers will only allow their canines to engage a suspect by biting if: (a) the suspect's actions pose a risk of imminent danger to the handler or others; a risk of serious harm to the canine; or the suspect is actively resisting (active resistance does not include concealment and refusal to surrender without more) and (b) the handler is in visual and auditory range of a suspect, except where the suspect is hiding in a confined space (e.g., a crawl space) and refuses to surrender, or escaping. Handlers will not allow their canine to engage a suspect by biting if a lower level of force could reasonably be expected to control the suspect or allow for the apprehension.

**44.** In instances where a canine apprehends a suspect by biting, the handler will call the canine off at the first moment the canine can be safely released, taking into account that the average person will struggle if seized or confronted by a canine.

**45.** Whenever an individual sustains a canine bite, the handler or an on-scene officer shall immediately contact an NOPD dispatcher to request Emergency Medical Services response. If

additional medical attention is required, the individual shall be transported to a medical facility for treatment.

**46.** For each canine apprehension, the involved handler, as well as all other officers who used or observed force, shall complete a Force Statement before the end of shift. In addition to the information that must be included in all Force Statements, a canine handler's Force Statement documenting a canine apprehension shall include the following: (1) whether there was contact between the canine and the subject, including contact with the subject's clothing; (2) documentation of the duration of the canine's contact with a subject; and (3) the approximate distance of the canine from the handler at time of apprehension. In addition, in all apprehensions where there is canine contact, visible injury to a suspect, or a complaint of injury, an uninvolved supervisor shall be summoned to the scene for the purpose of completing a Use of Force Report consistent with investigative requirements established under this Agreement.

**47.** An uninvolved canine supervisor shall evaluate each canine deployment for compliance with NOPD policy and state and federal law, and document this evaluation.

**48.** NOPD agrees to establish and maintain a canine certification program that ensures that: (1) canines and their handlers demonstrate control and proficiency in specific, widely accepted obedience and criminal apprehension exercises; (2) canines and their handlers receive a minimum of 16 hours of training every four weeks; (3) the trainer keeps detailed records of whether each canine team has met specific control criteria for each control exercise, and what remedial training was given if a canine team was deficient in any area; and (4) the trainer reports all deficiencies to the unit supervisor. The program shall ensure that canines are certified annually by a nationally recognized trainer or organization, and that a canine is not deployed unless its certification is current. NOPD agrees to ensure that the certifying agency's standards are consistent with NOPD policy and standards.

**49.** NOPD agrees to employ the services of a qualified trainer who is capable of providing certified canine training, and who delivers such training and maintains training records in accordance with NOPD policy and this Agreement.

**50.** NOPD agrees to centrally record and track each canine team's training records, certification records, and health records, regardless of whether individual handlers also maintain records.



51. NOPD agrees to track canine deployments and canine apprehensions, and to calculate and track canine bite ratios on a monthly basis to assess its canine unit and individual canine teams.

52. NOPD agrees to include canine bite ratios as an element of the EWS, and to provide for the review, pursuant to the protocol for that system, of the performance of any handler whose bite ratio exceeds 20 percent during a six-month period, or the entire unit if the unit's bite ratio exceeds that threshold, and to require interventions as appropriate. Canine data and analysis shall be included in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.

53. NOPD agrees not to request or use the services of any canine, whether owned by NOPD or any other jurisdiction, without first ensuring that the canine is controllable and otherwise able to meet the standards required by NOPD policy.

**F. Electronic Control Weapons**

54. Officers shall use ECWs only when such force is necessary to protect the officer, the subject, or another party from physical harm, and other less intrusive means would be ineffective. Officers shall be authorized to use ECWs to control a violent suspect when attempts to subdue the suspect by other tactics have been, or will likely be, ineffective and there is a reasonable expectation that it will be unsafe for officers to approach the suspect within contact range.

55. Unless doing so would place any person at risk, officers shall issue a verbal warning to the subject that the ECW will be used prior to its use. Where feasible, the officer will defer ECW application for a reasonable time to allow the subject to comply with the warning.

56. ECWs will not be used where such deployment may cause serious injury or death from situational hazards, including falling, drowning, losing control of a moving vehicle, or igniting a potentially explosive or flammable material or substance, except where lethal force would be permitted.

57. After one standard ECW cycle (5 seconds), the officer shall reevaluate the situation to determine if subsequent cycles are necessary. Officers shall be trained in the risks of prolonged or repeated ECW exposure, including that exposure to the ECW for longer than 15 seconds, whether due to multiple applications or continuous cycling, may increase the risk of death or serious injury. Officers shall independently justify each cycle used against a subject in written Force Statements.

- 58.** Officers shall not intentionally activate more than one ECW at a time against a subject.
- 59.** ECWs shall not be used in drive-stun mode as a pain compliance technique. ECWs shall be used in drive-stun mode only to supplement the probe mode to complete the incapacitation circuit, or as a countermeasure to gain separation between officers and the subject so that officers can consider another force option.
- 60.** ECWs shall not be used against visibly pregnant women, elderly persons, young children, or visibly frail persons, except where lethal force would be permitted, or where the officer has reasonable cause to believe there is an imminent risk of serious physical injury. Officers shall determine the reasonableness of ECW use based upon all circumstances, including the subject's age, size, physical condition, and the feasibility of lesser force options. Officers shall be trained in the increased risks that ECWs may present to the above-listed vulnerable populations.
- 61.** ECWs may not be applied to a subject's head, neck, or genitalia, except where lethal force would be permitted, or where the officer has reasonable cause to believe there is an imminent risk of serious physical injury.
- 62.** ECWs shall not be used on handcuffed subjects, unless doing so is necessary to prevent them from causing serious physical injury to themselves or others, and if lesser attempts of control have been ineffective.
- 63.** Officers shall keep ECWs in a weak-side holster to reduce the chances of accidentally drawing and/or firing a firearm.
- 64.** Officers shall receive annual ECW certifications, which should consist of physical competency; weapon retention; NOPD policy, including any policy changes; technology changes; and scenario-based training.
- 65.** Officers shall be trained in and follow protocols developed by NOPD, in conjunction with medical professionals, on their responsibilities following ECW use, including:
- a) the removal of ECW probes, including requiring medical or specially trained NOPD personnel to remove probes that are embedded in a subject's skin, except for probes that are embedded in a subject's head, throat, groin, or other sensitive area, which should be removed by medical personnel only;
  - b) the risk of positional asphyxia, and training officers to use a restraint technique that does not impair the subject's respiration following an ECW application;
  - c) the transportation to a hospital for evaluation of all subjects who: have been exposed to

prolonged application (more than 15 seconds); are members of one of the vulnerable populations listed above; or had an ECW used against them in circumstances presenting a heightened risk of harm, such as subjects under the influence of drugs and/or exhibiting symptoms associated with excited delirium; or were kept in prone restraint after ECW use; and

d) the monitoring of all subjects who have received ECW application while in police custody.

**66.** Officers shall report all ECW discharges (except for training discharges), laser painting, and/or arcing of weapons to their supervisor and the communications command center as soon as possible.

**67.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement integrity safeguards on the use of ECWs to ensure compliance with NOPD policy, including conducting random and directed audits of ECW deployment data. The audits should compare the downloaded data to the officer's Force Statement. Discrepancies within the audit should be addressed and appropriately investigated.

**68.** NOPD agrees to include the number of ECWs in operation, and the number of ECW uses, as elements of the EWS. Analysis of this data shall include a determination of whether ECWs result in an increase in the use of force, and whether officer and subject injuries are affected by the rate of ECW use. In addition, the analysis shall include laser painting and arcing of weapons to measure the prevention/deterrence effectiveness associated with the use of ECWs. ECW data and analysis shall be included in NOPD's Use of Force Annual Report.

**G. Oleoresin Capsicum Spray**

**69.** NOPD agrees to prohibit the use or possession of Oleoresin Capsicum Spray by on-duty officers, including officers working secondary employment.

**H. SWAT Teams**

**70.** The mission of the Special Operation Division's Tactical Platoons (currently known as "SWAT" Teams) shall be limited to providing a specialized response to critical situations where a tactical response is required, such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service and high-risk apprehension, and terrorism response. The policy shall prohibit SWAT tactics and equipment from being deployed or used for routine or "proactive" patrol functions or crime prevention, or for the service of non-high-risk warrants, unless approved in writing by a

Deputy Superintendent. This provision does not prohibit SWAT Team members from providing uniformed policing services.

**71.** NOPD agrees to provide written guidance on what types of warrants may be considered “high-risk,” and what tactics are permissible for the service of high-risk warrants. Barring emergency circumstances, the SWAT Team shall have the primary responsibility for execution of any high-risk warrant utilizing tactical team officers equipped with special equipment, training, and weapons.

**72.** In addition to any Use of Force Reports, the SWAT Team shall document its activities in detail, including by preparing written operational plans in consistent formats, and written after-action reports subsequent to call-outs and deployments to critical situations, such as hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service, high-risk apprehension, and terrorism response. After-action reports shall address any areas of concern related to policy, training, equipment, or tactics.

**73.** Supervisory review of SWAT Team deployments shall be conducted by an uninvolved, command-level supervisor possessing the requisite knowledge and expertise to analyze and critique specialized response protocols, and shall identify any policy, training, equipment, or tactical concerns raised by the action. Command staff shall identify areas of concern or particular successes, and shall implement the appropriate response, including modifications to policy, training, equipment, or tactics.

**74.** [Paragraph stricken]

**75.** NOPD agrees to track and analyze the number of SWAT Team deployments. The analysis shall include the reason for each activation, the legal authority, type of warrant (if applicable), and the result of each deployment, including: (1) the location; (2) the number of arrests; (3) the type of evidence or property seized; (4) whether a forcible entry was required; (5) whether a weapon was discharged by a SWAT Team member; and (6) whether a person or domestic animal was injured or killed. This data analysis shall be entered into the EWS and included in NOPD’s annual Use of Force Report.

**I. Use of Force Reporting Policy and Use of Force Report**

**76.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement a uniform reporting system pursuant to a Use of Force Reporting policy, using a uniform supervisor Use of Force Report, which will include individual officer Force Statements. NOPD uses of force shall be divided into four levels:

- a) Level 1 uses of force include pointing a firearm at a person and hand control or escort techniques (e.g., elbow grip, wrist grip, or shoulder grip) applied as pressure point compliance techniques that are not reasonably expected to cause injury; takedowns that do not result in actual injury or complaint of injury; and use of an impact weapon for non-striking purposes (e.g., prying limbs, moving or controlling a person) that does not result in actual injury or complaint of injury. It does not include escorting, touching, or handcuffing a person with minimal or no resistance.
- b) Level 2 uses of force include use of an ECW (including where an ECW is fired at a person but misses) and force that causes or could reasonably be expected to cause an injury greater than transitory pain but does not rise to a Level 3 use of force.
- c) Level 3 uses of force include any strike to the head (except for a strike with an impact weapon); use of impact weapons where contact is made (except to the head), regardless of injury; or the destruction of an animal.
- d) Level 4 uses of force include all serious uses of force, as defined by this Agreement, and shall be investigated by NOPD's Force Investigation Team.

**77.** Hand control or escort techniques applied for the purposes of handcuffing or escorts that are not used as pressure point compliance techniques, do not result in injury or complaint of injury, and are not used to overcome resistance, are not reportable uses of force.

**78.** All officers using a Level 1 through 4 use of force, and officers observing a Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 use of force, shall write a Force Statement before the end of shift, which shall be included in the Use of Force Report. The officer's Force Statement shall include: (1) a detailed account of the incident from the officer's perspective; (2) the reason for the initial police presence; (3) a specific description of the acts that led to the use of force; (4) the level of resistance encountered; and (5) a description of every type of force used.

**79.** Officers' Force Statements shall completely and accurately describe the force used or observed. The use of force reporting policy shall explicitly prohibit the use of conclusory statements without supporting detail, including "boilerplate" or "pat" language (e.g., "furtive movement" or "fighting stance") in all statements and reports documenting use of force. Officers shall be subject to disciplinary action for material omissions or inaccuracies in their Force Statements.

**80.** Officers who use or observe force shall notify their supervisors immediately following any use of force incident or upon receipt of an allegation of unreasonable or unreported use of force by any officer. Officers who use or observe force and fail to report it shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

**81.** Use of Force Reports, including Force Statements, shall be maintained centrally by PIB.

**82.** At least annually, NOPD agrees to analyze the year's force data, including the force-related outcome data listed in section XIX.C. below, to determine significant trends; identify and correct deficiencies revealed by this analysis; and document its findings in a public report.

**J. Use of Force Supervisory Investigations**

**83.** The direct supervisor of the officer using a Level 1 use of force shall review and approve in writing the Level 1 use of force before the end of the shift during which the Level 1 force was used. Supervisors shall elevate and investigate any use of force that appears to have been inappropriately categorized as a Level 1 use of force. Each month, supervisors shall review all body-worn camera footage for ten percent of the Level 1 uses of force that month by the officers they supervise to determine whether the force was appropriately categorized as a Level 1 use of force.

**84.** The direct supervisor of the officer(s) using force, upon notification of a Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 use of force incident or allegation of excessive force, shall respond to the location of occurrence. The direct supervisor of the officer(s) involved in the reportable use of force incident shall investigate all uses of force, with the exception of:

- a) those incidents involving a serious use of force (Level 4 uses of force);
- b) uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, as defined in this Agreement;
- c) a use of force incident by NOPD personnel of a rank higher than the supervisor assigned to investigate the incident; or
- d) a use of force investigation reassigned to FIT by the Superintendent or his designee or PIB.

**85.** A supervisor who was involved in a reportable incident, including by participating in or ordering the force being investigated, shall not investigate the incident or review the Force Statements for approval.

- 86.** For all Level 2 and Level 3 uses of force, the investigating supervisor shall:
- a) respond to the scene, examine the subject of the force for injury, interview the subject for complaints of pain after advising the subject of his/her rights, and ensure that the subject receives medical attention from an appropriate medical provider;
  - b) notify PIB immediately of the use of force and obtain a use of force tracking number;
  - c) identify and collect all relevant evidence and evaluate that evidence to determine whether the use of force: (1) was consistent with NOPD policy and/or (2) raises any policy, training, tactical, or equipment concerns;
  - d) ensure that all evidence to establish material facts related to the use of force, including audio and video recordings, photographs, and other documentation of injuries or the absence of injuries is collected;
  - e) ensure that a canvass for, and interview of, civilian witnesses is conducted. In addition, civilian witnesses should be encouraged to provide and sign a written statement in their own words;
  - f) ensure that all officers witnessing a use of force incident by another officer provide a Force Statement. Officers involved in a use of force incident shall be separated until interviewed. Group interviews shall be prohibited. Supervisors shall ensure that all Use of Force Reports identify all officers who were involved in the incident, witnessed the incident, or were on the scene when it occurred. Supervisors shall not ask officers or other witnesses leading questions that improperly suggest legal justifications for the officers' conduct, where such questions are contrary to appropriate law enforcement techniques. Investigating supervisors shall record all interviews with civilian witnesses and all follow-up interviews with officers, and shall record all interviews with subjects, after advising them of their rights and that they seek to question them only about the use of force. The recording requirements set out in Custodial Interrogations do not apply to subject interviews regarding the use of force.
  - g) review all Force Statements and ensure that all reports include the information required by this Agreement and NOPD policy; and
  - h) consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations, if feasible. Supervisors will make all reasonable efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between the officer, subject, and witness statements, as well as inconsistencies between the level of force claimed by the

officer and the subject's injuries. NOPD will train all of its supervisors on the factors to consider when evaluating credibility, incorporating credibility instructions provided to jurors. Where a reasonable and trained supervisor would determine that there may have been misconduct, the supervisor shall immediately notify FIT to respond to the scene.

**87.** Each supervisor shall provide a written gist to the Division Commander by the end of the shift documenting the use of force, including a summary of the force incident, the level of force used, the location of the incident, all involved officers, and the force tracking number.

**88.** Each supervisor shall complete and document a use of force supervisory investigation using a supervisor's Use of Force Report within 72 hours of learning of the use of force. Any extension to this 72-hour deadline must be authorized by a Division Commander. This Report shall include:

- a) the supervisor's narrative description of the incident, including a precise description of the evidence that either justifies or fails to justify the officer's conduct based on the supervisor's independent review of the facts and circumstances of the incident;
- b) documentation of all evidence that was gathered, including names, phone numbers, and addresses of witnesses to the incident. In situations in which there are no known witnesses, the report shall specifically state this fact. In situations in which witnesses were present but circumstances prevented the author of the report from determining the identification, phone number or address of those witnesses, the report shall state the reasons why. The report should also include all available identifying information for anyone who refuses to provide a statement;
- c) the names of all other NOPD employees witnessing the use of force;
- d) the investigating supervisor's evaluation of the use of force, based on the supervisor's review of the evidence gathered, including a determination of whether the officer's actions appear to be within NOPD policy and consistent with state and federal law; and an assessment of the incident for tactical and training implications, including whether the use of force may have been avoided through the use of de-escalation techniques or lesser force options; and
- e) documentation of any non-disciplinary corrective action taken.

**89.** Upon completion of the supervisor's Use of Force Report, the investigating supervisor shall forward the report through their chain of command to the ICO (if applicable) and/or



Division Commander, who shall review the report to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported using the preponderance of the evidence standard. The Division Commander and/or ICO shall order additional investigation when it appears that there is additional relevant evidence that may assist in resolving inconsistencies or improve the reliability or credibility of the findings.

**90.** Where the findings of the Use of Force Report are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the investigating supervisor's chain of command shall document the reasons for this determination and shall include this documentation as an addendum to the original investigation. The investigating supervisor's superior shall counsel the investigating supervisor regarding the inadequately supported determination and of any investigative deficiencies that led to it. The Division Commander and/or ICOs shall be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of Use of Force Reports prepared by supervisors under their command.

**91.** Where an investigating supervisor repeatedly conducts deficient investigations, the supervisor shall receive the appropriate corrective action, including training, demotion, and/or removal from a supervisory position in accordance with performance evaluation procedures and/or Civil Service Rules.

**92.** Whenever an investigating supervisor, reviewing supervisor, ICO, or Division Commander finds evidence of a use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, he or she shall suspend the force investigation immediately and notify PIB. PIB shall immediately notify FIT, which will take over the investigation.

**93.** When the Division Commander finds that the investigation is complete and the findings are supported by the evidence, the investigation file shall be forwarded to PIB. PIB shall review the investigation to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported by the evidence.

**94.** At the discretion of the Superintendent, his designee, or PIB, a use of force investigation may be assigned or re-assigned for investigation to FIT or to another supervisor, whether within or outside of the District in which the incident occurred, or may be returned to the Unit for further investigation or analysis. This assignment or re-assignment shall be explained in writing.

**95.** Where, after investigation, a use of force is found to be out of policy, the Superintendent shall direct and ensure appropriate discipline. Where the use of force indicates policy, training, tactical, or equipment concerns, the Superintendent shall ensure also that necessary training is delivered and that policy, tactical, or equipment concerns are resolved.

**K. Force Investigation Team**

**96.** NOPD agrees to establish a single, uniform reporting and investigation/review system for all Level 4 uses of force (i.e., serious uses of force, including critical firearm discharges), as defined by this Agreement.

**97.** NOPD agrees to ensure that all serious uses of force are investigated fully and fairly by individuals with appropriate expertise, independence, and investigative skills to ensure that uses of force that are contrary to law or policy are identified and appropriately resolved; that policy, training, equipment, or tactical deficiencies related to the use of force are identified and corrected; and that investigations of sufficient quality to ensure that officers are held accountable, as necessary, are conducted. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to:

a) create a FIT to conduct investigations of serious uses of force, uses of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, uses of force by NOPD personnel of a rank higher than sergeant, or uses of force reassigned to FIT by the Superintendent or his designee or PIB. FIT also shall investigate all instances where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD. FIT shall be comprised of personnel who are specially trained in both criminal and administrative force investigations. Members of FIT shall be assigned to PIB and shall not be assigned to any District. FIT investigations may result in criminal charges, administrative action, or both.

b) Within 280 days from the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to recruit, assign, and train a sufficient number of personnel to FIT to fulfill the requirements of this Agreement. Prior to performing FIT duties, FIT members shall receive 40 hours of FIT-specific training in FIT procedures; call out and investigative protocols; proper roles of on-scene counterparts such as crime scene technicians, the Monitor, the DA, the IPM, and the City Attorney's Office; and investigative equipment and techniques. FIT members shall also receive FIT-specific annual in-service training.

c) NOPD agrees to create a FIT procedural manual. The procedural manual shall include:

- (1) definitions of all relevant terms;
- (2) clear statements of the mission and authority of FIT;
- (3) procedures on report writing;
- (4) procedures for collecting and processing evidence;

- (5) procedures to ensure appropriate separation of criminal and administrative investigations in the event of compelled subject officer statements;
- (6) procedures for consulting with the DA, including ensuring that administrative investigations are not unnecessarily delayed while a criminal investigation is pending;
- (7) scene management procedures; and
- (8) management procedures.

**98.** Where appropriate to ensure the fact and appearance of impartiality, for investigations of serious uses of force or force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, NOPD may refer the incident for investigation by an independent and highly competent entity outside NOPD.

**99.** NOPD's Homicide Section shall not investigate any NOPD officer-involved serious use of force as defined by this Agreement, or any in-custody death.

**100.** In every incident involving a serious use of force, or any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, the supervisor shall immediately notify FIT. Unless it can verify that the supervisor has already done so, FIT shall immediately notify PIB of the use of force and obtain a use of force tracking number.

**101.** FIT shall respond to the scene of every incident involving a serious use of force; any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer; any use of force by an officer of a rank higher than sergeant; and any incident where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD, or as ordered by the Superintendent or his designee or PIB.

**102.** The Commander of PIB shall immediately notify and consult with the DA, IPM, FBI, and the USAO regarding any use of force indicating apparent criminal conduct by an officer, evidence of apparent criminal conduct by an officer discovered during a misconduct investigation, any use of force in which an officer discharged his firearm, or where an individual has died while in, or as an apparent result of being in, the custody of NOPD.

**103.** If the case may proceed criminally, or where NOPD requests a criminal prosecution, any compelled interview of the subject officers shall be delayed. No other part of the investigation shall be held in abeyance unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent in consultation with the agency conducting the criminal investigation.

**104.** NOPD agrees to make good faith efforts to work with the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office in requesting that that Office provide a completed Coroner's report within 30 days regarding a death proximate to a use of force and with the DA or other investigating agency regarding any criminal declination within 60 days after the use of force.

**105.** In conducting its investigation, FIT shall:

- a) review all Force Statements to ensure that these statements include the information required by this Agreement and NOPD policy;
- b) respond to the scene, examine the subject for injury, interview the subject for complaints of pain after advising the subject of his or her rights, and ensure that the subject receives medical attention from an appropriate medical provider;
- c) ensure that all evidence to establish material facts related to the use of force, including but not limited to audio and video recordings, photographs, and other documentation of injuries or the absence of injuries is collected;
- d) ensure that a canvass for, and interview of, civilian witnesses is conducted. In addition, civilian witnesses should be encouraged to provide and sign a written statement in their own words;
- e) ensure, consistent with applicable law, that all officers witnessing a serious use of force incident by another officer provide a Force Statement regarding the incident. Officers involved in a use of force incident shall be separated until interviewed. Group interviews shall be prohibited. FIT shall ensure that all FIT investigation reports identify all officers who were involved in the incident, witnessed the incident, or were on the scene when it occurred. FIT shall not ask officers or other witnesses leading questions that improperly suggest legal justifications for the officers' conduct, when such questions are contrary to appropriate law enforcement techniques. FIT shall record all interviews; and
- f) consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations, if feasible. FIT will make all reasonable efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between the officer, subject, and witness statements, as well as inconsistencies between the level of force claimed by the officer and the subject's injuries. NOPD will train all of its FIT members on the factors to consider when evaluating credibility, incorporating credibility instructions provided to jurors.

**106.** FIT shall complete a preliminary report that shall be presented to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee as soon as possible, but in no circumstances later than 24 hours after learning of the use of force.

**107.** FIT shall complete its administrative use of force investigation within 30 days from the use of force. Any request for an extension to this time limit must be approved by the Deputy Superintendent of PIB through consultation with the Superintendent. At the conclusion of each use of force investigation, FIT shall prepare an investigation report. The report shall include:

- a) a narrative description of the incident, including a precise description of the evidence that either justifies or fails to justify the officer's conduct based on FIT's independent review of the facts and circumstances of the incident;
- b) documentation of all evidence that was gathered, including names, phone numbers, and addresses of witnesses to the incident. In situations in which there are no known witnesses, the report shall specifically state this fact. In situations in which witnesses were present but circumstances prevented the author of the report from determining the identification, phone number, or address of those witnesses, the report shall state the reasons why. The report should also include all available identifying information for anyone who refuses to provide a statement;
- c) the names of all other NOPD employees witnessing the use of force;
- d) FIT's evaluation of the basis for the use of force, based on FIT's review of the evidence gathered, including a determination of whether the officer's actions appear to be within NOPD policy and consistent with state and federal law; and an assessment of the incident for tactical and training implications, including whether the use of force may have been avoided through the use of de-escalation techniques or lesser force options;
- e) if a weapon was used, documentation that the officer's certification and training for the weapon are current; and
- f) documentation of any disciplinary and/or non-disciplinary corrective action recommended.

**L. Use of Force Review Board**

**108.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement a Use of Force Review Board to review all serious uses of force and other FIT investigations. The UFRB shall be comprised of the Deputy Superintendent of the Public Integrity Bureau, the Deputy Superintendent of the Field Operations

Bureau, and the Deputy Superintendent of the Investigations & Support Bureau. The UFRB shall conduct timely, comprehensive, and reliable reviews. The UFRB shall:

- a) review each FIT investigation within 30 days of receiving the FIT investigation report to ensure that it is complete and that the findings are supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
- b) hear the case presentation from the lead investigator and discuss the case as necessary with the investigator to gain a full understanding of the facts of the incident. The officer(s) who used the force subject to investigation, or who are otherwise the subject(s) of the FIT investigation, shall not be present;
- c) order additional investigation when it appears that there is additional relevant evidence that may assist in resolving inconsistencies or improve the reliability or credibility of the findings. Where the findings are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence, the UFRB shall document the reasons for this determination, which shall be included as an addendum to the original investigation, including the specific evidence or analysis supporting their conclusions;
- d) determine whether the force violated NOPD policy. If the force violated NOPD policy, the UFRB shall refer it to PIB for disciplinary action;
- e) determine whether the incident raises policy, training, equipment, or tactical concerns, and refer such incidents to the appropriate unit within NOPD to ensure they are resolved;
- f) direct District supervisors to take and document non-disciplinary corrective action to enable or encourage an officer to improve his or her performance; and
- g) document its findings and recommendations in a UFRB Report within 45 days of receiving the FIT investigation and within 15 days of the UFRB case presentation.

**M. Use of Force Training**

**109.** NOPD shall provide all NOPD officers with 40 hours of use of force training within 365 days of the Effective Date, and 24 hours of use of force training on at least an annual basis thereafter, including, as necessary, developments in applicable law and NOPD policy. NOPD shall coordinate and review all use of force training to ensure quality, consistency, and compliance with the Constitution, Louisiana law, this Agreement and NOPD policy. NOPD's use of force training shall include the following topics:

- a) NOPD's use of force model, as described in this Agreement;

- b) proper use of force decision-making;
- c) use of force reporting requirements;
- d) the Fourth Amendment and related law;
- e) role-playing scenarios and interactive exercises that illustrate proper use of force decision-making, including training on the importance and impact of ethical decision making and peer intervention;
- f) the proper deployment and use of all intermediate weapons or technologies, including batons, canines, and ECWs;
- g) de-escalation techniques that encourage officers to make arrests without using force, and instruction that disengagement, area containment, surveillance, waiting out a subject, summoning reinforcements, calling in specialized units, or delaying arrest may be the appropriate response to a situation, even when the use of force would be legally justified;
- h) threat assessment;
- i) basic crisis intervention and interacting with people with mental illnesses, including instruction by mental health practitioners and an emphasis on de-escalation strategies (the Crisis Intervention Training provided to all new and current officers pursuant to this Agreement may be combined with this training);
- j) factors to consider in initiating or continuing a pursuit;
- k) appropriate training on conflict management; and
- l) for supervisors of all ranks, as part of their initial and annual in-service supervisory training, additional training in conducting use of force investigations; strategies for effectively directing officers to minimize uses of force and to intervene effectively to prevent or stop unreasonable force; and supporting officers who report unreasonable or unreported force, or who are retaliated against for using only reasonable force or attempting to prevent unreasonable force.

**110.** Included in the use of force training set out above, NOPD shall deliver firearms training to all officers within 365 days of the Effective Date and at least yearly thereafter. NOPD firearms training shall:

- a) require officers to complete and satisfactorily pass firearm training and to qualify for regulation and other service firearms, as necessary, on an annual basis;
- b) require recruits, officers in probationary periods, and officers who return from unarmed

status to complete and satisfactorily pass firearm training and to qualify for regulation and other service firearms before such personnel are permitted to carry and use firearms;

c) incorporate professional night training, stress training (e.g., training in using a firearm after undergoing physical exertion), and proper use of force decision-making training, including continuous threat assessment techniques, in the annual in-service training program; and

d) ensure that firearm instructors critically observe students and provide corrective instruction regarding deficient firearm techniques and failure to utilize safe gun handling procedures at all times.

#### **IV. CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM**

NOPD agrees to minimize the necessity for the use of force against individuals in crisis due to mental illness or a diagnosed behavioral disorder. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

##### **A. Crisis Intervention Planning Committee**

**111.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD and the City agree to implement a Crisis Intervention Planning Committee (“Planning Committee”) to direct the development and implementation of the CIT. The Planning Committee shall analyze and recommend appropriate changes to policies, procedures, and training methods regarding police contact with persons who may be mentally ill with the goal of de-escalating the potential for violent encounters.

**112.** The Planning Committee shall include representation from NOPD command leadership and City-contracted mental health professionals. NOPD shall also seek representation from the civilian leadership of the MCTU, local municipal government, the New Orleans Metropolitan Human Services District, community mental health professionals, professionals from emergency health care receiving facilities, members of the local judiciary, the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff’s Office, homeless service agencies, and mental health professionals and advocates.

##### **B. Program Development**

**113.** NOPD and the City agree to implement a comprehensive first responder CIT program to develop and maintain specially trained CIT officers. This program shall incorporate the following:

a) Within 270 days of the Effective Date, an operations subcommittee, appointed by and reporting to the Planning Committee, shall develop policies and procedures for the transfer of



custody or voluntary referral of individuals between NOPD, receiving facilities, and local mental health and social service agencies. These policies and procedures shall clearly describe the existing roles and responsibilities of the existing MCTU and NOPD patrol officers, and of CIT officers.

b) NOPD agrees to continue using the MCTU and to continue staffing it with well-trained and dedicated community volunteers, to assist NOPD patrol units in the management and transportation of persons suffering a mental health crisis or from a diagnosed behavioral disorder. MCTU shall retain its duties and responsibilities in providing transportation for individuals experiencing a mental health or behavioral crisis.

c) Within 365 days of the Effective Date, the Planning Committee shall select CIT officer volunteers, based upon supervisor recommendations, PIB records, and interviews. Preference should be given to officers with at least three years of field experience.

d) CIT officers shall be assigned to the patrol division and maintain their standard patrol duties, except when called to respond to potential behavioral or mental health crisis events outside of their assigned patrol district.

e) CIT officers who are dispatched to a crisis event shall have the responsibility for the scene and discretion to determine strategies for resolving the event unless an appropriate supervisor is present and affirmatively assumes the scene responsibility.

f) NOPD shall track CIT use through data provided by the CIT officer or MCTU after each response. NOPD shall gather and track the following data at a minimum:

- (1) Date, time, and location of the incident;
- (2) Subject's name, age, gender, and address;
- (3) Whether the subject was armed, and the type of weapon;
- (4) Whether the subject is a U.S. military veteran;
- (5) Complainant's name and address;
- (6) Name and badge number of CIT officer on the scene;
- (7) Whether a supervisor responded to the scene;
- (8) Techniques or equipment used;
- (9) Any injuries to officers, subject, or others;
- (10) Disposition; and
- (11) Brief narrative of the event (if not included in any other document).

g) NOPD shall publicly report this data, aggregated as necessary to protect privacy.

**C. CIT and First Responder Training**

**114.** NOPD shall require officers selected for the CIT program to undergo a 40-hour initial comprehensive training prior to being assigned CIT duties, and eight hours of in-service training annually thereafter.

**115.** Within three years of the Effective Date, NOPD shall train at least 20% of its patrol division in the CIT program to ensure that NOPD can provide a CIT-trained officer in each shift in each District.

**116.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, a curriculum subcommittee of the Planning Committee shall develop a 40-hour curriculum and in-service training for first responders based on the national CIT model. The curriculum subcommittee may adapt MCTU's existing training curriculum for this purpose. CIT training faculty should include volunteer local area professionals and advocates to the greatest extent possible. This crisis intervention training shall emphasize mental health-related topics, crisis resolution skills, de-escalation training, and access to community-based services.

**117.** Training for all newly selected CIT officers shall begin within 365 days of the Effective Date and shall be completed within three years. This training shall include not only lecture-based instruction, but also on-site visitation and exposure to mental health facilities, intensive interaction with individuals with a mental illness, and scenario-based de-escalation skills training.

**118.** In addition to the more extensive training for CIT officers set out above, NOPD agrees to provide all new recruits at least 16 hours of training on responding to persons in behavioral or mental health crisis, and four hours of in-service training annually thereafter. NOPD and the City further agree to provide all current officers with eight hours of training on responding to persons in behavioral or mental crisis within 365 days of the Effective Date, and four hours of in-service training annually thereafter.

**119.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to offer the 40-hour crisis intervention training to all new and current dispatchers to enable them to identify calls for service that involve behavioral or mental health crisis events. NOPD agrees to offer to provide this training to new dispatchers within 90 days of their start date. NOPD agrees to offer crisis intervention in annual in-service training for dispatchers.

**D. Maintenance of CIT Program**

**120.** NOPD agrees to maintain the CIT Planning Committee after the CIT program is operational. The Planning Committee shall serve as a problem-solving forum for interagency issues and shall monitor ongoing outcome indicators collected by each agency. These indicators may include data such as NOPD CIT use, NOPD CIT behavioral event disposition data, Orleans Parish Prison booking data, the number of individuals with a mental health diagnosis at the jail, and the transfer of custody and voluntary referral rates between NOPD, emergency receiving facilities, and community agencies.

**121.** NOPD agrees to review the outcome data generated through the process described above to: determine whether to recognize individual CIT officer performance that deserves commendation; develop new response strategies for repeat calls for service; identify training needs for the annual CIT in-service; make CIT curriculum changes; and identify other NOPD issues to allow NOPD to provide an appropriate response to a behavioral crisis event.

**V. STOPS, SEARCHES, AND ARRESTS**

NOPD agrees to ensure that all NOPD investigatory stops, searches, and arrests are conducted in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. NOPD agrees to ensure that investigatory stops, searches, and arrests are part of an effective overall crime prevention strategy; are consistent with community priorities for enforcement; and are carried out with fairness and respect. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Investigatory Stops and Detentions**

**122.** NOPD officers may only conduct investigatory stops or detentions where the officer has reasonable suspicion that a person has been, is, or is about to be engaged in the commission of a crime.

**123.** NOPD officers shall use accurate and specific descriptive language and not rely solely on “boilerplate” or “pat” language in any reports documenting investigatory stops, detentions, or searches. Articulation of reasonable suspicion and probable cause shall be specific and clear.

**124.** NOPD officers shall not use or rely on information known to be materially false or incorrect in effectuating an investigatory stop or detention.

**125.** NOPD officers shall not use race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity as a factor, to any extent or degree, in

establishing reasonable suspicion or probable cause, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.

**126.** NOPD officers shall continue to require reasonable suspicion to conduct field interviews, and document investigatory field contacts, including field interviews, in accordance with the stop and search data collection requirements of this Agreement.

**B. Searches**

**127.** NOPD officers shall not use race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in exercising discretion to conduct a warrantless search or to seek a search warrant, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.

**128.** An officer shall immediately notify a supervisor when considering a search based on consent, and the supervisor shall approve the search before it is conducted.

**129.** Where an officer seeks consent for a search, the officer shall affirmatively inform the subject of his or her right to refuse and to revoke consent at any time, and document the subject's consent on a written form that explains these rights.

**130.** NOPD officers shall only conduct searches of individuals on probation or parole where legal authority for the search has been established.

**131.** NOPD agrees to ensure that the consent to search form includes separate signature lines for civilians to affirm that they understand they have a right to refuse, and for officers to certify that they have read and explained the right to refuse to the civilian.

**132.** NOPD agrees to ensure that officers understand how strip and body cavity searches are different than regular searches and are trained on how to conduct proper field strip searches. NOPD shall ensure that field strip searches of arrestees are performed only in the rarest of circumstances under exigent circumstances where the life of officers or others may be placed at risk, under conditions that provide privacy, and with the explicit approval of a supervisory officer. NOPD agrees to ensure that strip searches are only performed when the officer has articulable probable cause that a subject is concealing a weapon or contraband.

**133.** When approval to conduct a strip search is requested, the supervisor shall immediately respond to the scene to approve the strip search. In situations where strip searches are legally justified, necessary under NOPD policy, and authorized by a supervisor, the search shall be conducted in a professional manner by trained personnel; include the least number of personnel

necessary; be performed only by those of the same sex as the identified sex of the individual; and under conditions that provide privacy from all but those authorized to conduct the search.

**134.** NOPD agrees to ensure that body cavity searches are performed only after obtaining a search warrant and by specially trained medical personnel.

**135.** An affidavit or sworn declaration supporting an application for a search warrant shall provide an accurate and clear description of the reasons for the request for the search, the place or thing to be searched, and items or possible evidence that are the purpose of the search.

**136.** A supervisor shall review each request for a search or arrest warrant, including each affidavit or declaration, before it is filed by an officer in support of a warrant application, for appropriateness, legality, and conformance with NOPD policy and this Agreement. The supervisor shall assess the information contained in the warrant application and supporting documents for authenticity, including an examination for “boilerplate” or “pat” language, inconsistent information, and lack of articulation of a legal basis for the warrant.

**137.** As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those warrant applications that are legally unsupported, are in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. The quality and accuracy of search warrants and supportive affidavits or declarations shall be taken into account in officer performance evaluations.

**138.** A supervisor shall assist in developing an operational plan for the execution of a search warrant, be present for execution of the search warrant, and review and document the search in an after-action report within 24 hours of the execution of the warrant.

**139.** NOPD officers shall not detain non-occupants present at the location where a search warrant is executed for longer than reasonably necessary to secure the area, or to determine whether they are occupants of the premises being searched, or where the officer has individualized reasonable suspicion that the non-occupant is involved in criminal activity or poses a danger to officer safety.

**140.** NOPD shall maintain, centrally and in each NOPD District and specialized unit, a log listing each search warrant, the case file where a copy of such warrant is maintained, the officer

who applied for the search warrant, and each supervisor who reviewed the application for a search warrant.

**C. Arrests**

**141.** An NOPD officer shall only arrest an individual where the officer has probable cause.

**142.** In effectuating an arrest, NOPD officers shall not rely on information known to be materially false or incorrect. Officers may not consider race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity in effecting an arrest, except as part of an actual and apparently credible description(s) of a specific suspect or suspects in any criminal investigation.

**143.** An officer shall immediately notify a supervisor when effectuating a felony arrest; an arrest where the officer used force; an arrest for obstructing or resisting an officer; a custodial arrest where the most serious violation was a vehicle infraction, simple drug possession, or, outside the French Quarter and Central Business District, any of the following city or state laws: Disturbing the Peace (City Code 54-103; LSA-R.S. 14:103); Criminal Trespass (City Code 54-153; LSA-R.S. 14:63); Obstructing Public Passages (City Code 54-40; LSA-R.S. 14:100.1); or Begging/Vagrancy (City Code 54-411; 14:107). Upon notification, the supervisor shall respond to the scene. The supervisor is not required to respond to the scene of an arrest involving a Level 1 use of force.

**144.** The responding supervisor shall approve or disapprove the officer's arrest recommendation based on the existence of probable cause and NOPD policy. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in the officer's arrest recommendation, including releasing the subject, recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation.

**145.** NOPD patrol officers shall complete all arrest reports before the end of shift. NOPD field supervisors shall review each arrest report of officers under their command and shall memorialize their review in writing within 12 hours of receiving the report, absent exceptional circumstances. Supervisors shall review reports and forms for "boilerplate" or "pat" language, inconsistent information, lack of probable cause, or other indications that the information in the reports or forms is not authentic or correct.

**146.** As part of the supervisory review, the supervisor shall document in an auditable format those arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address violations or deficiencies in making arrests, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. For each subordinate, the supervisor shall track each violation or deficiency and the corrective action taken, to identify officers needing repeated corrective action. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the officer's performance evaluations. The quality of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. NOPD shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to conduct reviews of adequate and consistent quality.

**147.** A command-level official shall review, in writing, all supervisory reviews related to arrests that are unsupported by probable cause, are in violation of NOPD policy, or that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training. The commander's review shall be completed within seven days of receiving the document reporting the event. The commander shall evaluate the corrective action and recommendations in the supervisor's written report and ensure that all appropriate corrective action is taken, including referring the incident to PIB for investigation, if appropriate.

**148.** NOPD shall track centrally and at the District level the DA's acceptance and refusal rates of arrests made by NOPD and reasons for refusals, when made available by the DA, including those factors and information indicating that a failure to prosecute was due to the quality of officer arrests or concerns regarding officer conduct. Each District Commander shall be held accountable for referring to PIB for investigation any information regarding specific incidents of possible officer misconduct related to officer arrests noted in the DA's refusal reasons.

**D. Stop and Search Data Collection and Review**

**149.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop a written or electronic report format to collect data on all investigatory stops and searches, whether or not they result in an arrest or issuance of a citation. This system shall allow for summarization and searches and also shall be integrated into the EWS. NOPD's stop and search data collection system shall be

subject to the review and approval of the Monitor and DOJ, and shall require officers to document the following:

- a) officer's name and badge number;
- b) date and time of the stop;
- c) location of the stop;
- d) duration of the stop;
- e) subject's apparent race, ethnicity, gender, and apparent age;
- f) if a vehicle stop, presence and number of any passengers and the apparent race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each passenger; if a non-vehicle stop (e.g., pedestrian or bicycle), number of individuals stopped and the apparent race, ethnicity, gender, and age of each person;
- g) reason for the stop, including a description of the facts creating reasonable suspicion;
- h) if a vehicle stop, whether the driver or any passenger was required to exit the vehicle, and reason;
- i) whether any individual was asked to consent to a search and whether such consent was given;
- j) whether a probable cause search was performed on any individual, including a brief description of the facts creating probable cause;
- k) whether a pat-and-frisk or other search was performed on any individual, including a description of the facts justifying the pat-and-frisk or other search;
- l) whether any contraband or evidence was seized from any individual, and nature of the contraband or evidence; and
- m) disposition of the stop, including whether a citation or summons was issued to, or an arrest was made of, any individual.

**150.** Officers shall document investigatory stops and detentions, and any searches resulting from or proximate to the stop or detention. In all instances where property or evidence is seized, the officer shall immediately complete a police incident report documenting a complete and accurate inventory of the property or evidence seized, and submit the property or evidence seized to Central Property and Evidence before the end of shift. All documentation of stops, detentions, searches, and seizures shall be submitted to the officer's supervisor by the end of shift. Absent exceptional circumstances, field supervisors shall review investigatory stops and detention or search reports by field officers within 12 hours of receiving this report. Supervisors shall report



and shall document: (1) those investigatory stops and detentions that appear unsupported by reasonable suspicion; (2) those searches that appear to be without legal justification; (3) stops or searches in violation of NOPD policy or this Agreement, or (4) stops or searches that indicate a need for corrective action or review of agency policy, strategy, tactics, or training.

**151.** The supervisor shall take appropriate action to address all violations or deficiencies in investigatory stops, detentions, or executions of searches, including recommending non-disciplinary corrective action for the involved officer, and/or referring the incident for administrative or criminal investigation. For each subordinate, the supervisor shall track each violation or deficiency and the corrective action taken, if any, in order to identify officers needing repeated corrective action. The supervisor shall ensure that each violation or deficiency is noted in the officer's performance evaluations. The quality and completeness of these supervisory reviews shall be taken into account in the supervisor's own performance evaluations. NOPD shall take appropriate corrective or disciplinary action against supervisors who fail to conduct complete, thorough, and accurate reviews of officers' investigatory detentions and searches.

**152.** NOPD shall develop a protocol for comprehensive analysis, on at least an annual basis, of the stop and search data collected. This protocol shall be subject to the review and approval of the Monitor and DOJ, and shall identify and incorporate appropriate benchmarks for comparison.

**153.** On at least an annual basis, NOPD shall issue a report summarizing the stop and search data collected, the analysis of that data, and the steps taken to correct problems and build on successes. The report shall be publicly available.

**154.** NOPD shall ensure that all databases containing individual-specific data comply fully with federal and state privacy standards governing personally-identifying information. NOPD shall develop a process to restrict database access to authorized, identified users who are accessing the information for a specific and identified purpose.

**E. First Amendment Right to Observe and Record Officer Conduct**

**155.** NOPD shall ensure that, in accordance with their rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, onlookers or bystanders may witness, observe, record, and/or comment on officer conduct, including stops, detentions, searches, arrests, or uses of force. Officers shall respect the right of civilians to observe, record, and/or verbally comment

on or complain about the performance of police duties occurring in public, and NOPD shall ensure that officers understand that exercising this right serves important public purposes.

**156.** Individuals observing stops, detentions, arrests, and other incidents shall be permitted to remain in the proximity of the incident unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.

**157.** Individuals shall be permitted to record police officer enforcement activities by camera, video recorder, cell phone recorder, or other means, unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.

**158.** Officers shall not threaten, intimidate, or otherwise discourage an individual from remaining in the proximity of or recording police officer enforcement activities.

**159.** Officers shall not detain, prolong the detention of, or arrest an individual for remaining in the proximity of, recording, or verbally commenting on officer conduct directed at the individual or a third party, unless one of the conditions in paragraph 160 is met.

**160.** Officers shall take appropriate law enforcement action against a bystander only if a bystander's presence would jeopardize the safety of the officer, the suspect, others in the vicinity or crime scene integrity; the bystander violates the law; or the bystander incites others to violate the law.

**161.** Officers shall not seize or otherwise coerce production of recorded sounds or images without obtaining a warrant, or order an individual to destroy such recordings. Where an officer has a reasonable belief that a bystander or witness has captured a recording of critical evidence related to a felony, the officer may secure such evidence for no longer than required to obtain a legal subpoena, search warrant, or other valid order.

**F. Stop, Search, and Arrest Training**

**162.** NOPD shall provide all officers with at least 24 hours within 365 days of the Effective Date, and at least four hours on at least an annual basis thereafter, of training on stops, searches, and arrests, including the requirements of this Agreement. Such training shall be taught by a qualified legal instructor with significant experience in Fourth Amendment issues, and shall:

- a) address Fourth Amendment and related law, NOPD policies, and requirements in this Agreement regarding searches and seizures;
- b) address First Amendment and related law, NOPD policies, and requirements in this Agreement on the rights of individuals to verbally dispute, observe, and record officer conduct;

- c) address the difference between various police contacts by the scope and level of police intrusion; between probable cause, reasonable suspicion, and mere speculation; and between voluntary consent and mere acquiescence to police authority;
- d) provide guidance on the facts and circumstances that should be considered in initiating, conducting, terminating, and expanding an investigatory stop or detention;
- e) provide guidance on the level of permissible intrusion when conducting searches, such as “pat-downs” or “frisks;”
- f) provide guidance on the legal requirements for conducting searches, with and without a warrant;
- g) provide guidance on the permissible nature and scope of searches based on the level of intrusion on an individual’s privacy interests, including searches conducted pursuant to probation or parole release provisions;
- h) specify the procedures for executing searches, including handling, recording, and taking custody of seized property or evidence;
- i) provide guidance on effecting an arrest with and without an arrest warrant; and
- j) provide guidance regarding the nature and scope of searches incident to an arrest.

## **VI. CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS**

NOPD agrees to ensure that officers conduct custodial interrogations in accordance with the subjects’ rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including the rights to counsel and against self-incrimination. NOPD agrees to ensure that custodial interrogations are conducted professionally and effectively, so as to elicit accurate and reliable information. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

### **A. Interrogation Restrictions and Equipment**

**163.** Officers shall not use physical violence or make threats to carry out harm to the individual or the individual’s family during custodial interrogations.

**164.** All custodial interrogations that take place in a police facility, and all interrogations that involve suspected homicides or sexual assaults, shall be video and audio recorded. All recorded custodial interrogations will be recorded in their entirety. NOPD rejects the concept of a “pre-interview” and prohibits any decision not to record any portion of the interrogation based on such categorization. The recording equipment shall not be turned off unless the suspect states

that he/she does not want the interview to be recorded. If the suspect requests that he/she does not want the interview to be recorded, the interviewer will record the subject making this request and shall document this request in the case report.

**165.** If the interrogation is not able to be video and audio recorded because of equipment failure or malfunction, detectives shall record the interrogation by means of a digital or cassette recorder. Any equipment failure shall be explained and documented in the case report, the case file, and in a memo to the Deputy Chief of the Investigation & Support Bureau.

**166.** All officers shall maintain in the case file their notes taken during interviews and interrogations.

**167.** Within 270 days from the Effective Date, NOPD shall designate interview rooms for all Districts and specialized units, and ensure that interview rooms are equipped with functioning audio and video recording technology that allows for recording and maintenance of all phases of interrogations.

**168.** Within 270 days from the Effective Date, NOPD shall use qualified interpreters for any interrogation of an LEP individual, and Miranda warnings shall be provided to the subject in his or her primary language. Because of the dual role bilingual NOPD employees may have when conducting an interrogation and simultaneously acting as an interpreter, they should only be used as an interpreter during an interrogation if they have identified themselves as officers or employees of the Department, are authorized as NOPD interpreters, and are trained in using interpretation protocols consistent with best practices, as required by this Agreement and NOPD's language assistance policy and plan.

**B. Detective Selection and Interrogation Training**

**169.** NOPD shall post all detective openings throughout the Department and shall revise eligibility criteria for detectives in Districts and specialized units to require appropriate experience, writing samples, supervisor recommendations, and an interview.

**170.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop and deliver at least 24 hours of formal training for newly assigned detectives on interrogation procedures and methods. This training shall include legal standards, ethics, the mechanics of conducting effective and constitutional investigations, and causes for investigative failures and false confessions. NOPD shall provide regular, and at least annual, in-service training to all detectives on updates and changes to the law regarding interrogations and confessions.

## **VII. PHOTOGRAPHIC LINE-UPS**

NOPD agrees to ensure that photographic line-ups are conducted effectively and in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, so as to elicit accurate and reliable information. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

**171.** No officer who is involved in the investigation shall participate in administering the photographic lineup. The individual who administers the lineup shall not have any knowledge as to which photograph depicts the suspect in the investigation.

**172.** NOPD agrees that, before any lineup is administered, eyewitnesses shall be admonished that the suspect might or might not be present in the lineup.

**173.** NOPD agrees to select “filler” photographs—those that do not depict the suspect—of individuals who generally fit the witness’s description of the perpetrator. When there is a limited or inadequate description of the perpetrator provided by the witness, or when the description of the perpetrator differs significantly from the appearance of the suspect, fillers should resemble the suspect in significant features.

**174.** NOPD agrees to keep a complete record of each display procedure and results. The record shall include the time, date, location, identity of the viewing person, photograph numbers, and name of the administrator of the line-up.

**175.** NOPD agrees to document other information pertinent to the display procedure, including any statements made by the viewing individual and identities of other persons present during the procedure.

**176.** If a suspect selection is made, NOPD agrees to mark and maintain as evidence the photographs used in the lineup, including a copy of the photo array if one was used. It shall be kept as evidence until the final disposition of the case, at which time it shall become a part of the permanent case file.

## **VIII. BIAS-FREE POLICING**

NOPD agrees to deliver police services that are equitable, respectful, and bias-free, in a manner that promotes broad community engagement and confidence in the Department. In conducting its activities, NOPD agrees to ensure that members of the public receive equal protection of the law, without bias based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and in accordance with the rights

secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

**A. Bias-Free Policing Training**

**177.** NOPD agrees to provide all officers with four hours of comprehensive training on bias-free policing within 365 days of the Effective Date, and four hours annually thereafter, based on developments in Louisiana or federal law and NOPD policy. Such training shall emphasize that discriminatory policing in the form of either selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law, including the selection or rejection of particular tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias, is prohibited by policy and will subject officers to discipline.

This training shall address:

- a) methods and strategies for more effective policing that rely upon non-discriminatory factors;
- b) police and community perspectives related to discriminatory policing;
- c) Constitutional and other legal requirements related to equal protection and unlawful discrimination, including the requirements of this Agreement;
- d) the protection of civil rights as a central part of the police mission and as essential to effective policing;
- e) the existence and impact of arbitrary classifications, stereotyping, and implicit bias;
- f) instruction in the data collection protocols required by this Agreement;
- g) identification of key decision points where prohibited discrimination can take effect at both the incident and strategic-planning levels; and
- h) methods, strategies, and techniques to reduce misunderstanding, conflict, and complaints due to perceived bias or discrimination, including problem-oriented policing strategies.

**B. Ensuring Bias-Free Policing**

**178.** NOPD agrees to apply and administer programs, initiatives, and activities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

**179.** NOPD agrees to provide clear guidance on prohibited conduct, including selective enforcement or non-enforcement of the law and the selection or rejection of particular tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias.

**180.** NOPD leadership and supervising officers shall consistently reinforce to subordinates that discriminatory policing is an unacceptable tactic, including in making decisions to use particular police tactics in particular communities based upon stereotypes or bias.

**181.** NOPD agrees to incorporate the following elements in its training of officers:

(1) introducing themselves at the initiation of contact with a civilian; (2) stating the reason for a investigatory stop or detention as soon as practicable; (3) ensuring that an investigatory stop or detention is no longer than necessary to take appropriate action; and (4) acting with professionalism and courtesy throughout the interaction regardless of any provocation.

**182.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to incorporate requirements regarding bias-free policing and equal protection into its hiring, promotion, and performance assessment processes, including giving significant weight to an individual's history of sustained bias-related violations, as well as using interviews and other methods to assess the individual's ability to effectively practice bias-free policing.

**183.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a plan to provide all individuals within the City essential police services regardless of immigration status, in order to build and preserve trust among community members, and to more effectively prevent and solve crime. As part of this plan:

- a) Officers shall not take law enforcement action on the basis of actual or perceived immigration status, including the initiation of stops or other field contacts;
- b) Officers shall not question victims of, or witnesses to, crime regarding their immigration status. Nothing in this provision shall prohibit NOPD from assisting nonimmigrant victims/witnesses in obtaining U-Visa / T-Visas, where appropriate;
- c) Officers shall not enforce La. R.S.14:100.13, which the Court of Appeals of Louisiana, Fourth Circuit, has found to unlawfully pre-empt federal regulations; and
- d) NOPD shall seek the assistance of community advocates in widely disseminating to the public, in English and in Spanish, NOPD's written policy incorporating these requirements.

**184.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement a specific policy to guide officers' interactions with members of the LGBT community, which shall prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**185.** NOPD agrees that officers will treat LGBT individuals with courtesy, professionalism, and respect, and that officers are specifically prohibited from using harassing, intimidating, or

derogatory language regarding or toward LGBT individuals. This shall include addressing transgender individuals with their chosen name, title, and pronoun.

**186.** NOPD agrees that officers shall not construe sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as reasonable suspicion or probable cause that an individual is or has engaged in any crime, and that officers shall not request identification from or otherwise initiate a contact solely on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

**187.** NOPD agrees that officers will not subject transgender individuals to more invasive or more frequent frisk procedures due to transgender status. Officers shall not frisk any person for the purpose of determining that person's gender or to view or touch the person's genitals. Where same-gender searches are required by law or NOPD policy, the officer shall respect the gender identification expressed by the individual. Where the individual does not self-identify and the gender identity is not clear to a reasonable person or the officer is uncertain, the officer will take reasonable, non-invasive steps to determine the gender identity, such as asking the individual how the individual would like to be addressed.

**188.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, and at least annually thereafter, NOPD agrees to assess all NOPD programs, initiatives, and activities to ensure that no program, initiative, or activity is applied or administered in a manner that discriminates against individuals on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. As part of its assessment, NOPD agrees to specifically include an assessment of misconduct complaints involving discrimination, use of force, motor vehicle and pedestrian stops, and arrests, including the selection or rejection of particular geographic deployment tactics or strategies based upon stereotypes or bias. NOPD shall base its assessment of programs, initiatives, and activities on accurate, complete, and reliable data, including data contained in the EWS, stop and detention data, use of force analyses, crime trend analysis in relation to population demographics, enforcement practices based on community concerns, operations plans, and after-action reports. NOPD agrees to make this assessment publicly available.

**C. Language Assistance**

**189.** NOPD agrees to effectively communicate with and provide timely and meaningful access to police services to all members of the community, regardless of their national origin or limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand English. To achieve this outcome, NOPD shall:

- a) develop and implement a language assistance plan and policy that complies, at a



minimum, with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and other applicable law, and that comports with best practices and current professional standards;

b) ensure that all NOPD personnel take reasonable steps to provide timely, meaningful language assistance services to LEP individuals they encounter and whenever an LEP individual requests language assistance services;

c) identify and assess demographic data, specifically the number of LEP individuals within its jurisdiction and the number of LEP victims and witnesses who seek NOPD services;

d) use collected demographic and service data to identify and meet hiring needs for bilingual staff;

e) regularly assess the proficiency and qualifications of bilingual staff to become an NOPD Authorized Interpreter;

f) create and maintain an NOPDAI List and provide that list to the Orleans Parish Communications District 911 Communications Center;

g) ensure that Orleans Parish Communications District 911 call takers are trained to recognize the need for a NOPDAI to respond to an incident involving an LEP individual and dispatch a NOPDAI as appropriate. If no NOPDAI is available, the personnel shall contact a telephonic interpretation service provider. The call taker shall note in information to the radio dispatch that the 911 caller is an LEP individual and indicate the language;

h) develop protocols for interpretation for interrogations and interviews of LEP individuals to ensure a qualified interpreter is used for the taking of any formal statement from a suspect or witness in order to protect their legal rights;

i) develop and implement a process for taking, responding to, and tracking citizen complaints and resolutions of complaints filed by LEP individuals;

j) identify official and vital documents that are subject to public dissemination, and require translation of such documents into Spanish and Vietnamese, at a minimum. Such vital documents include: consent to search forms; witness and victim statement forms; citation forms; victim rights notification forms; citizen complaint forms; and notices advising LEP persons of free language assistance in connection with NOPD activities;

k) implement a process for recruiting qualified bilingual personnel to meet demonstrated service needs. As part of this process, NOPD agrees to establish meaningful relationships

with local and state-wide institutions and community organizations that can serve as the source of qualified bilingual applicants and facilitate outreach to such advocates; and

l) implement incentives for bilingual employees to become NOPDAIs, such as pay differentials, consideration in performance evaluations, or assignments.

**190.** NOPD agrees to translate the language assistance plan and policy into Spanish and Vietnamese, and if it becomes appropriate, other languages, and post the English and translated versions in a public area of the police department building, District police stations, and the PIB building, as well as online, and in any other locations throughout the City where individuals go to seek police assistance. NOPD agrees to distribute the language assistance plan and policy to a variety of community organizations serving LEP communities encountered by NOPD.

**191.** NOPD agrees to distribute its language assistance plan and policy to all staff and police personnel, and, within 365 days of the Effective Date, provide training to all personnel on providing language assistance services to LEP individuals. This training shall include:

- a) NOPD's LEP plan and policies; and the requirements of Title VI and this Agreement;
- b) how to access NOPD-authorized telephonic and in-person interpreters;
- c) how to work with interpreters in the field;
- d) cultural diversity;
- e) how to communicate with LEP individuals in commonly encountered scenarios; and
- f) basic command of Spanish or Vietnamese, for officers assigned to Districts with significant LEP populations.

**192.** Within 180 days of Effective Date, NOPD agrees to designate a language access coordinator who shall coordinate and monitor compliance with its language assistance plan. The language access coordinator shall assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the plan on an ongoing basis and shall report to the Superintendent or his designee regarding needed improvements and any accountability concerns. The Superintendent or his designee shall consider the information provided by the coordinator and respond as necessary to ensure that NOPD's language assistance plan is effective.

**193.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a process of consultation with representatives of the LEP community to develop and at least annually review: implementation of the language assistance plan, including areas of possible collaboration to ensure its effectiveness; identification of additional languages that would be

appropriate for translation of materials; accuracy and quality of NOPD language assistance services; and concerns, ideas, and strategies for ensuring language access.

**194.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop a process for determining, on an ongoing basis, whether new documents, programs, services, and activities need to be made accessible for LEP individuals. As part of this process NOPD shall:

- a) document the number of LEP persons requiring NOPD services and their primary language;
- b) collect data regarding the number of times an interpreter has been used, listed by language and type of interpreter (telephonic or in-person);
- c) document the number of bilingual staff who have been evaluated for language proficiency, by language, job title, and level of proficiency; and
- d) document use of translators, vital documents translated, and languages into which vital documents are translated.

#### **IX. POLICING FREE OF GENDER BIAS**

NOPD agrees to respond to and investigate reports of sexual assault and domestic violence professionally, effectively, and in a manner free of gender-based bias, in accordance with the rights secured or protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States. NOPD agrees to appropriately classify and investigate reports of sexual assault and domestic violence, collaborate closely with the DA and community partners, including the NOFJC, and apply a victim-centered approach at every stage of its response. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

##### **A. Sexual Assault**

**195.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement clear policies and procedures governing its response to reports of sexual assault. NOPD agrees to ensure its policies and procedures on sexual assault comply with applicable law and comport with best practices and current professional standards. NOPD agrees to clearly delineate in policy the respective duties of patrol officers/first responders, sex crimes detectives, and supervisors, and to provide clear and detailed guidelines for steps at each stage of NOPD's response to a reported sexual assault, including dispatch response, initial officer response, and on-scene and follow-up investigation.

**196.** Patrol officers or other first responders shall document their observations and any actions taken, including any statements of victims, witnesses, and reporting persons, in calls for service related to sexual assaults.

**197.** NOPD protocols for conducting initial and follow-up victim interviews shall reflect the special needs of victims who may be in crisis or suffering from trauma.

**198.** NOPD agrees to provide clear and detailed guidelines for on-scene and follow-up investigation, including identifying, locating, and interviewing witnesses and suspects; collaborating with victim advocates; collecting evidence; special procedures for drug-facilitated sexual assaults; and documentation.

**199.** NOPD agrees to establish protocols for forensic examinations of both victims and suspects, as well as evidence preservation and crime scene management in the sexual assault context. These protocols shall be established in collaboration with the New Orleans SART and shall incorporate the recommendations of the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination recommended protocols governing police procedure.

**200.** Through its on-going training, NOPD agrees to keep officers apprised, and shall inform victims, of available services, referrals, or other assistance.

**201.** Special Victims Section supervisors shall provide direct supervision of their subordinates by:

- a) responding to assist officers investigating felony sexual assaults as defined under the Louisiana Criminal Code of Procedure: RS 14:42, Aggravated Rape; RS 14:42.1, Forcible Rape; RS 14:43, Simple Rape; RS 14:43.1, Sexual Battery; RS 14:43.2, Second Degree Sexual Battery; and RS 14:43.3, Oral Sexual Battery;
  - b) building relationships and enhancing cooperation with victim advocates and forensic examination programs, both to respond to and reduce the risk of sexual assault;
  - c) continually seeking and creating opportunities for training to enhance investigators' skills;
  - d) closely reviewing investigative reports and dispositions;
  - e) demonstrating a detailed understanding of victim issues and setting clear expectations of detectives regarding their treatment of victims;
  - f) incorporating victim interactions and services into subordinates' performance evaluations;
- and
- g) following up all investigative leads generated from CODIS hits developed as a result of

testing of the evidence in the case.

**202.** NOPD agrees to track all CODIS hit outcomes with the CODIS Hit Outcome Program software provided by National Institute of Justice. This software will provide accountability and outcome data for review by appropriate bodies, and provide feedback to the DNA Database Unit maintained by the Louisiana State Police.

**203.** NOPD agrees to incorporate IACP recommendations for VAW Law Enforcement Best Practices into its training, and update procedural requirements annually, to reflect changes in policy and law and developments in research and best practice.

**204.** In addition to annual in-service training, NOPD agrees to provide initial training for sex crimes detectives of no fewer than 32 hours. This training shall include:

- a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault, including issues related to response to trauma and delayed reporting;
- b) overcoming the perception of false/unfounded allegations to successfully investigate non-stranger sexual assault;
- c) drug and alcohol facilitated sexual assault;
- d) skills-based training on interviewing, including taped mock victim interviews;
- e) report-writing;
- f) discovery; and
- g) collection, preservation, and submission of evidence in sexual assault cases, including selecting the evidence to be submitted for testing.

**205.** NOPD agrees to provide detailed initial and recruit training on responding to sexual assault for patrol officers and other first responders of no fewer than four hours, and ongoing annual in-service training. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate fact-based scenarios involving stranger and non-stranger sexual assault into recruit and in-service training on topics such as general investigation, crime scene preservation, and report writing. NOPD's training on sexual assault shall include:

- a) realistic dynamics of sexual assault, including issues related to response to trauma and delayed reporting;
- b) report writing;
- c) victim interviewing; and
- d) initial assessment of victim and crime scene.

**206.** During the first year of this Agreement, neither patrol officers nor detectives shall code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category without the express written approval of the Investigations & Support Bureau Special Victim Section Commander and the Investigations & Support Bureau Criminal Investigations Division Commander. Following this period, patrol officers shall not code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category. Any decision by a detective to do so shall receive close secondary review and shall be approved in writing by an immediate Sex Crimes unit supervisor and the Division commander.

**207.** NOPD agrees to train supervisors and investigators in the Sex Crimes unit in the proper definitions and application of “unfounded,” “false,” and “baseless” classifications in the context of sexual assault. The immediate supervisor in the Sex Crimes Unit and the Special Victims Section Commander shall closely review and approve in writing any decision to classify a report as “unfounded.” NOPD agrees to track each of these conclusions separately in NOPD’s CCMS and publicly report them on at least a semi-annual basis.

**208.** NOPD agrees to separately track all reports of felony sexual assault, including drug-facilitated sexual assault, sexual assaults involving persons with disabilities rendering them unable to consent, sodomy, and male victims of sexual assault. NOPD agrees to collect data on the final disposition of sexual assault investigations, including whether an arrest was made and whether the DA charged the suspect or rejected the case and, if so, the reason for the rejection if the DA provides a reason. NOPD agrees to track this data in NOPD’s CCMS. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the DA to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final outcome of the trial.

**209.** NOPD agrees to track in its Justice Trax Laboratory Information Management System the evidence collected and whether it was submitted to a crime lab for testing. Where evidence is not submitted, NOPD agrees to record in this System the justification for this decision.

**210.** NOPD agrees to work with the DA, community service providers, and other stakeholders to develop and implement a SART and collaborative SART agreement within 180 days of the Effective Date, to provide a coordinated and victim-centered approach to sexual violence. NOPD agrees to comply with its obligations under the SART collaborative agreement.

**211.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop a mechanism to select and permit a committee of representatives from the community, including rape crisis advocates, service providers, and/or legal providers, to review, on a semi-annual basis: (1) sexual assault investigations disposed of as “unfounded;” (2) a random sample of open sexual assault investigations with the approval of the DA; and (3) after the first year of this Agreement, reported sexual assaults placed in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category. NOPD agrees to develop a protocol to ensure that feedback and recommendations from this committee are incorporated into policies, general training, remedial training for specific officers or detectives, and the decision to re-examine and re-open investigations, if warranted. This mechanism shall include appropriate safeguards to protect ongoing criminal or administrative investigations, confidential or privileged information, or personal information that is protected from disclosure by applicable laws.

**B. Domestic Violence**

**212.** NOPD agrees to delineate the respective duties of communications staff, patrol officers/first responders, District-level detectives, domestic violence detectives, and supervisors in its domestic violence policies and procedures, and agrees to provide clear and detailed guidelines for steps at each stage of NOPD’s response to a report of domestic violence, including dispatch response; initial officer response, including entry procedures; and on-scene and follow-up investigation.

**213.** NOPD agrees to prioritize victim safety and protection at each stage of its response to a report of domestic violence and provide, through the New Orleans Integrated Domestic Violence Protocol, clear guidelines for on-scene and follow-up investigation, including identifying, locating, and interviewing suspects and witnesses, including child witnesses; assessment of the crime scene; evidence collection, including documentation of victim injuries; and seizure of weapons.

**214.** NOPD agrees to discourage dual arrests of offenders and victims. NOPD agrees to provide guidance on when dual arrests are permissible and require supervisory approval to effectuate a dual arrest. NOPD policies shall require the custodial arrest of domestic violence offenders who violate the terms of a valid and outstanding protection order, and those the officer has probable cause to believe have committed a domestic violence offense. NOPD training shall include training on how to identify the primary aggressor.

**215.** NOPD agrees to continue to participate in the operation, development, and sustainability of the NOFJC; work in co-location with other civil and criminal agencies and community-based organizations; and support a centralized, multi-agency Family Justice Center model in the handling of domestic violence and sexual assault cases in New Orleans.

**216.** NOPD agrees to collaborate with and refer all victims to the NOFJC.

**217.** NOPD agrees to continue close collaboration with the DA and community providers to ensure that policies and protocols remain victim-centered and effective. To facilitate this collaboration, the Superintendent or a designee at the level of Commander or above shall meet with the Executive Committee of the NOFJC on at least a quarterly basis to discuss and coordinate policy, training, and other aspects of NOPD's response to domestic violence. NOPD agrees also to designate, and include at this quarterly meeting, an NOPD employee at the rank of sergeant or above responsible for reviewing and coordinating NOPD's policies on domestic violence. This designated officer shall review NOPD's domestic violence policies for internal consistency, and consistency with the Integrated Protocol developed by the NOFJC, the Blueprint for Safety, and any similar plan adopted by the City. He or she shall closely collaborate with NOFJC and the DA to strengthen the Integrated Protocol and/or the Blueprint for Safety to ensure that they comport with best practices, NOPD policies, and this Agreement, and to review and update policies at least annually, or as necessary. He or she also shall be responsible for identifying training needs with respect to implementing NOPD domestic violence policies, the Integrated Protocol, and/or the Blueprint for Safety.

**218.** NOPD agrees to assign sufficient staff to the DVU at the NOFJC to permit detectives to review, on a weekly basis, District-level reports on incidents of domestic violence, for the purpose of identifying training needs and tracking the Districts' response to domestic violence. The DVU shall have sufficient staff to conduct appropriate follow-up investigation on felony offenses, including incidents where a weapon was involved or the victim suffered serious bodily injury. This follow-up investigation shall include field work and coordination with the DA's Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit. NOPD shall assign sufficient detectives to the DVU based on the calls for service.

**219.** NOPD agrees to offer training on domestic violence that incorporates IACP recommendations for VAW Law Enforcement Best Practices and to annually update the training to reflect changes in policy, law, and developments in research and best practice.



**220.** NOPD agrees to provide at least four hours of initial and recruit training on domestic violence for all officers, and ongoing annual in-service training. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate fact-based scenarios involving domestic violence into recruit and in-service training on such topics as general investigation, crime scene preservation, and report writing. NOPD's training on domestic violence shall include:

- a) NOPD's policies and procedures on domestic violence, including the Integrated Protocol and/or Blueprint for Safety;
- b) dynamics of domestic violence;
- c) identifying the primary aggressor;
- d) responding to and investigating strangulation in the context of domestic violence;
- e) interviewing victims, witnesses and suspects;
- f) report-writing; and
- g) discovery.

**221.** NOPD agrees to provide domestic violence detectives with initial training of no fewer than 32 hours, and ongoing annual in-service training. This training shall include advanced, skills-based instruction in evidence collection; victim assistance; interviewing, including taped mock victim interviews; and other topics.

**222.** NOPD agrees to track dispositions of domestic violence investigations, including arrests and acceptance or refusal by the DA. NOPD further agrees to make a reasonable effort to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with appropriate agencies to track information related to the outcomes of domestic violence cases, including whether the case was ultimately dismissed, resulted in a plea agreement, or tried, and the final verdict or outcome of the trial. NOPD agrees to track dual arrests and domestic violence arrests by gender. NOPD agrees to publicly report this data on at least an annual basis

## **X. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

NOPD agrees to promote and strengthen partnerships within the community, and to engage constructively with the community, to ensure collaborative problem-solving and ethical and bias-free policing, and to increase community confidence in the Department. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Community and Problem Oriented Policing**

**223.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to reassess its staffing allocation and personnel deployment, including its use of specialized units and deployment by geographic area, to ensure that core operations support community policing and problem-solving initiatives, and shall agree to modify any deployment strategy found to be incompatible with effective and community-oriented policing.

**224.** NOPD agrees to deploy an adequate number and distribution of officers to ensure that all neighborhoods have a regularly assigned officer who is familiar with the geographic area, its issues, problems, and community leaders; engages in problem identification and solving activities with the community members around the community's priorities; works proactively with other city departments to address quality of life issues; and is not assigned to answer calls to service absent exigent circumstances.

**225.** NOPD agrees to ensure its mission statement reflects its commitment to community-oriented policing and agrees to integrate community and problem-oriented policing principles into its management, policies and procedures, recruitment, training, personnel evaluations, resource deployment, tactics, and accountability systems.

**226.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date and annually thereafter, NOPD agrees to provide eight hours of structured annual in-service training on community policing and problem-oriented policing methods and skills for all officers, including supervisors, managers and executives.

This training shall include:

- a) methods and strategies to improve public safety and crime prevention through community engagement;
- b) scenario-based training that promotes the development of new partnerships between the police and community, targeting problem solving and prevention;
- c) leadership, ethics, and interpersonal skills;
- d) community engagement, including how to establish formal partnerships and actively engage community organizations, including youth, immigrant, and LGBT communities;
- e) problem-oriented policing tactics, including a review of the principles behind the problem solving framework developed under the "SARA Model" (Scanning, Analysis, Response, Assessment), which promotes a collaborative, systematic process to address issues of the community, including safety and quality of life;

- f) conflict resolution and verbal de-escalation of conflict; and
- g) cultural awareness and sensitivity training. Cultural awareness training shall be designed and delivered in cooperation with City Human Relations Commission staff and community representatives selected by the Commission.

**227.** NOPD agrees to continue to support community groups in each District (e.g., NONPACC) and to meet regularly with the communities each District serves. In addition, within 240 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement mechanisms to measure officer outreach to a broad cross-section of community members, with an emphasis on youth outreach, to establish extensive problem-solving partnerships and develop and implement cooperative strategies that build mutual respect and trusting relationships with this broader cross-section of stakeholders. NOPD agrees to develop and implement partnerships to provide immediate and ongoing support to families of victims of homicides and other serious crimes.

**228.** Within 240 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop measurements to assess the effectiveness of its community partnerships and problem-solving strategies, including the effectiveness of the community liaison program. NOPD agrees to prepare a publicly available report on at least a quarterly basis detailing its community policing efforts in each District, including developing community partnerships and participating in public meetings, and its problem-solving activities, including specific problems addressed and steps taken by NOPD and the community toward their resolution. This report also shall identify obstacles faced and recommendations for future improvement. At least annually, NOPD agrees to issue a publicly available report that summarizes these problem-solving and community policing activities.

**229.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to remake the COMSTAT meeting. The COMSTAT meeting will use the underlying collection and reporting of accurate and meaningful data regarding crime trends and other public safety measures to drive discussion of community-policing successes and challenges. NOPD agrees to ensure the COMSTAT meeting includes discussion and analysis of trends in misconduct complaints and community priorities to identify areas of concern, and to better develop interventions to address them. NOPD agrees to use techniques such as spatial mapping and scientific deployment analysis to enable COMSTAT to better support and measure community and problem-solving policing efforts.

**B. Biennial Community Survey**

**230.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, and every two years thereafter, NOPD and the City agree to conduct a reliable, comprehensive, and representative survey of members of the New Orleans community regarding their experiences with and perceptions of NOPD and of public safety.

**231.** To conduct the biennial community survey, the Monitor shall retain an individual or entity, to be approved by DOJ, that shall:

- a) develop a baseline of measures on public satisfaction with policing, attitudes among police personnel, and the quality of police-citizen encounters;
- b) design, conduct, and analyze baseline and subsequent biennial surveys of a representative sample of City residents, police personnel, and detained arrestees;
- c) review and consider prior law enforcement surveys in New Orleans and other cities, as well as current or recent concerns in New Orleans, in designing the survey;
- d) engage in informal conversations with New Orleans residents, NOPD officers and command staff, and DOJ representatives, and observe community meetings;
- e) ensure that the resident and arrestee surveys are designed to capture a representative sample of New Orleans residents, including members of each demographic category;
- f) conduct the survey in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, as necessary, to ensure representation of the entire New Orleans community; and
- g) formally discuss the survey methodology with NOPD supervisors and DOJ and consider these opinions in the development of the initial survey and in making improvements to subsequent surveys.

**232.** NOPD and the City agree to cooperate with the design and conduct of the survey by, for example, helping to organize focus groups of officers and obtaining and providing previous survey instruments and data.

**233.** The report of the baseline survey and subsequent biennial surveys shall be publicly distributed and available.

**XI. RECRUITMENT**

NOPD and the City, working with the Civil Service, agree to develop and implement a comprehensive recruitment program that successfully attracts and hires a diverse group of highly qualified and ethical individuals to be NOPD police officers. NOPD and the City, working with

the Civil Service, agree to ensure that NOPD's recruit program assesses each applicant in a manner that is valid, reliable, fair, and legally defensible. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Comprehensive Recruitment Program**

**234.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD, working with Civil Service, agrees to develop a written, strategic recruitment plan that includes clear goals, objectives, and action steps for attracting high-quality applicants. The strategic recruitment plan shall clearly identify the duties and goals of NOPD's Recruitment Unit. The recruitment plan shall include specific strategies for attracting applicants with strategic thinking and problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills, emotional maturity, capacity to use technology, fluency in Spanish and Vietnamese (because these languages are spoken by a significant segment of the New Orleans Community), and the ability to collaborate with a diverse cross-section of the community.

**235.** The Recruitment Unit staff shall be publicly identified, shall work with Civil Service, and shall interact directly with candidates applying for NOPD positions. NOPD agrees to develop a protocol that includes specific criteria for assigning officers to the Recruitment Unit, including officers' work history, disciplinary history, length of employment at NOPD, and demonstrated commitment to community-oriented policing.

**236.** NOPD agrees to staff the Recruitment Unit sufficiently to permit the Unit to fulfill its responsibilities as set out in this Agreement, NOPD policy, and applicable law.

**237.** NOPD agrees to train all current and new staff assigned to the Recruitment Unit on recruiting a qualified and diverse workforce, including training on employment law. NOPD agrees to establish specific performance criteria to evaluate recruitment staff effectiveness in hiring increasing numbers of high quality recruits.

**238.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a system for psychological screening and assessment of all NOPD recruit candidates, and to set criteria to ensure that only individuals suitable for policing are accepted into NOPD training academy.

**239.** The Recruitment Unit shall conduct affirmative outreach to a broad group of community members (e.g., college and university initiatives, military outreach, the PCAB, and community meetings in each District), and shall create and foster relationships with those organizations to enhance recruitment efforts.

**240.** NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to ensure that the dates and times of the officer recruit application period and testing dates are advertised widely.

**241.** Within 180 Days of Effective Date, NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to establish standardized qualifications and guidance for who may serve on a recruit applicant interview panel. Eligibility for serving on a recruit applicant interview panel shall include a review of the officer's internal disciplinary file and personnel file.

**242.** NOPD and the City, working with Civil Service, agree to ensure that interview panelists and all officials who interview potential NOPD recruits receive specialized training in the goals of NOPD recruitment and hiring, including emphasis on integrity, community policing, and non-discriminatory policing.

**243.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD and the City agree to work with Civil Service to establish a standardized scoring system to be used by interview panelists. The scoring system shall be used to assess recruit applicants immediately following the applicant's interview. These assessment forms shall be maintained by the Recruitment Unit.

**244.** The Recruitment Unit will annually report its recruiting activities and outcomes, including the number of applicants, interviewees, and selectees, and the extent to which the Recruitment Unit has been able to recruit applicants with needed skills, such as problem-solving abilities or fluency in Spanish or Vietnamese, and a discussion of any challenges to recruiting highly qualified applicants.

## **XII. ACADEMY AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING**

NOPD is committed to ensuring that all officers and employees receive adequate training to understand the law and NOPD policy and how to police effectively. NOPD training shall reflect and instill agency expectations that officers police diligently, have an understanding of and commitment to the constitutional rights of the individuals they encounter, and employ strategies to build community partnerships to more effectively increase public trust and safety. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

### **A. Training Coordination and Planning**

**245.** The Training Division shall be the central coordination point for all training, including: the recruit training academy; field training; all in-service training, including firearms and other use of force training; roll-call training; supervisory training; tactical and task force training; and all elective training.

**246.** NOPD's Training Division Commander shall be responsible for overseeing all NOPD training, including recruit academy; field training; all in-service training, and for ensuring that training is delivered consistent with NOPD's written training plan.

**247.** Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to create a full-time Department-wide Training Liaison position within the Training Division, and designate a single training coordinator in each District and central organizational unit to coordinate and document training. The Training Liaison shall establish and maintain communications with each District training coordinator to ensure that all officers complete training as required and that documentation of training is provided to the Training Division.

**248.** Within 120 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to establish a Training Advisory Committee that shall include staff from the NOPD Training Division, NOPD field personnel, high-level NOPD command staff (Deputy Superintendent or above), a community representative from the Police-Community Advisory Board, two representatives from area colleges and universities, an outside police professional with expertise in model training practices, and a representative from the FBI, the District Attorney's office, the USAO, and the City Attorney's Office.

**249.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop a written training plan for NOPD's recruit academy, field, and in-service training, to ensure that recruits, officers, and civilian personnel are trained to effectively and lawfully carry out their duties in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States. The Training Advisory Committee, after review, consideration, and revision, shall approve a Master Training Plan. The plan shall comport with best practices and the requirements of this Agreement and shall:

- a) define responsibilities and authority of personnel involved in managing, supervising, and implementing training;
- b) identify training priorities and broad training goals;
- c) delineate an industry-recognized, systematic approach to training development that includes the following concepts: analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation. This approach should enable NOPD to identify and validate job tasks in sufficient detail to derive learning objectives, which, in turn, should drive the selection of instructional strategies and assessments;
- d) develop instructional strategies that incorporate active learning methods such as

problem-solving and scenario-based activities, based on current theories of learning;

e) address program administration policies, classroom/facility use, and instructor training and development; and

f) establish the frequency and subject areas for recruit and in-service training.

**250.** Upon the Superintendent's approval of the training plan, NOPD shall submit the training plan to the Monitor and DOJ. The Monitor shall review the training plan and provide the Parties with written comments within 30 days of receipt thereof. DOJ shall have 30 days from receipt of the Monitor's comments on the training plan to determine whether the training plan is consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and to make its decision on approval. DOJ shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

**251.** NOPD shall annually review and update the training plan. To inform this update, NOPD shall conduct a needs assessment, taking into consideration: trends in misconduct complaints; problematic uses of force; analysis of officer safety issues; input from members at all levels of NOPD; input from members of the community, including community concerns; court decisions; research reflecting the latest in law enforcement trends; individual District needs; and any changes to Louisiana or federal law, or to NOPD policy. The Training Advisory Committee shall review, consider, revise, and approve the updated training plan.

**B. Curriculum Development**

**252.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall create and staff a full-time position of Curriculum Director to establish and oversee a formal training curriculum development and assessment process consistent with the training plan described above. The Curriculum Director shall ensure that curricula and related lesson plans are based on learning objectives that are directly linked to validated job tasks.

**253.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a lesson plan template that will be used for all training courses at NOPD. At a minimum, each template shall include: course title; course overview; date lesson plan was created or updated; learning objectives; prerequisites (if any); course length; required materials, equipment, and facilities; safety measures required (if applicable); testing/certification, and reference list. The lesson plan shall describe content and instructional strategies in sufficient detail to ensure consistent delivery of instruction by different instructors.



**254.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement recruit academy curricula that comport with NOPD's training plan and comprehensively address the subject areas listed in paragraph XII.E., below.

**255.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement in-service curricula that comport with NOPD's training plan and that comprehensively address each of the subject areas in which this Agreement requires in-service training.

**256.** The Curriculum Director shall review all training curricula, lesson plans, and procedures for consistency, quality, accuracy, currency, completeness, and compliance with applicable law and NOPD policy. The Curriculum Director shall ensure that a variety of adult learning techniques, scenario-based training, and problem-solving practices, in addition to traditional lecture formats, are incorporated into all training. The Curriculum Director shall also ensure that all curricula, lesson plans, instructor's qualifications, and testing materials are accessible to the Training Advisory Committee and, where appropriate, persons external to NOPD with expertise in the relevant lesson areas, for review and comment.

**257.** NOPD shall submit all new or revised training curricula and lesson plans for training required by this Agreement to the Monitor and DOJ for review and comment at least 90 days prior to the scheduled date of training delivery. The Monitor shall review the curricula or lesson plans and provide the Parties with written comments within 30 days of receipt thereof. Within 30 days of receipt of the Monitor's comments, DOJ shall have the right to review and comment on whether the curricula and lesson plans are consistent with, and incorporate the requirements of, this Agreement and applicable law.

**C. Instructor Selection**

**258.** NOPD agrees to implement the Knowledge, Skills, and Ability Protocols for all staff assigned to the training division and all adjunct instructors within NOPD. NOPD agrees that minimum qualification requirements for Academy staff shall include:

- a) Baccalaureate Degree or exceptional practical law-enforcement or subject matter expertise with at least six years of combined NOPD service;
- b) Successful completion of the POST Instructor Development Course within one year of being assigned to the training division; and
- c) No 'sustained' PIB investigations within 24 months of applying for an Academy position or pending 'open' investigations at time of application, if (1) the minimum punishment for

the sustained or open allegation at issue is at least a 30 day suspension; or (2) the sustained or open allegation involves discrimination, verbal intimidation, failure to report misconduct, fictitious illness or injury reports, abuse of position, inappropriate use of social media, visiting prohibited establishments, or adherence to law (excepting traffic violations and off-duty municipal violations not committed under color of law). In addition, NOPD shall consider the nature and severity of any other sustained or alleged violation or pattern of allegations in determining whether an applicant is fit to serve in the Academy.

**259.** NOPD agrees to actively seek out and retain qualified instructors, including instructors from outside NOPD, with expertise in areas such as law and investigations, as necessary, to supplement the skills of in-house training staff and adjunct instructors. Additionally, NOPD agrees to incorporate experts and guest speakers such as judges, prosecutors, including representatives of the USAO, crime victims, and community members, to participate in courses at the Training Academy.

**260.** NOPD agrees to ensure that all new and current Training Division staff and NOPD adjunct instructors receive 40 hours of initial training, including training on effective teaching, adult-learning techniques, curriculum development, and annual in-service training. NOPD agrees to require and ensure that instructors use only curricula and lesson plans that have been approved by the Training Division. NOPD agrees to further require that instructors use a variety of adult learning techniques, scenario-based training, and problem-solving practices, in addition to traditional lecture formats.

**261.** Annually, NOPD agrees to evaluate the performance of Training Division staff and all adjunct or other training instructors and shall remove staff and instructors who do not meet NOPD criteria. NOPD agrees to document each evaluation using an established set of criteria to be developed pursuant to this Agreement.

**D. Training Evaluation**

**262.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a process that provides for the collection, analysis, and review of data to document the effectiveness of training and to improve future instruction, course quality, and curriculum. This process shall measure and document student reaction to and satisfaction with the training they received; and student learning as a result of training, including the extent to which students are applying the knowledge and skills acquired in training to their jobs.

**263.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement documented and approved testing policies and procedures to ensure that that all testing is valid, reliable, and fair. Both knowledge-based and performance-based tests shall be designed, developed, administered, and scored according to established professional standards of practice. All tests shall be job-related, testing knowledge and skills required for successful job performance.

**E. Recruit Training Academy**

**264.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a recruit training program that comports with NOPD's written training plan described above, and that reflects the requirements of this Agreement.

**265.** NOPD agrees to modify the amount and content of recruit academy training to comport with its written training plan and the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD agrees to provide recruits with at least 880 hours of academy instruction.

**266.** In addition to the training requirements reflected in the substantive provisions of this Agreement, NOPD agrees to ensure sufficient recruit academy instructional hours in the following specific areas:

- a) appropriate use of force;
- b) stops, searches, and arrests;
- c) bias-free policing and community/problem-solving policing;
- d) investigations, including crime scene investigations and investigative techniques;
- e) ethics, including preventing and reporting misconduct and peer intervention;
- f) crisis intervention;
- g) crowd control, including consistent application of field-force tactics and crowd management;
- h) report writing;
- i) recognizing, taking, and responding to allegations of misconduct received in the field;
- j) statutory law, including definitions of specific offenses, and scenario-based exercises to determine the specific elements of offenses; and
- k) how to communicate with LEP individuals in commonly encountered scenarios.

**267.** NOPD agrees to structure the recruit training academy so that instruction is delivered in logical progression to ensure that each skill or unit builds on previous skills or units. NOPD

agrees to schedule training modules so that recruits become proficient in fundamental tasks before progressing to more advanced skills and activities.

**268.** In addition to inclusion in separate training modules, NOPD agrees to incorporate training on constitutional and statutory law; ethical decision making; community policing; de-escalation of force; and bias-free policing throughout the course of the recruit training academy. NOPD agrees to reinforce legal concepts in the context of instruction on interviewing and interrogation, crime scene processing, and report writing.

**269.** NOPD agrees to use problem-based learning and scenario-based exercises throughout the course of the recruit academy. NOPD agrees to ensure that scenario-based exercises have specific training objectives, and to evaluate achievement in multiple areas, such as constitutional and statutory law, officer safety, NOPD procedures, and report writing. NOPD agrees to require recruits to produce actual reports and statements at the end of scenario-based exercises.

**270.** NOPD agrees to intersperse skills training in areas such as driving, firearms, and defensive tactics throughout the course of the recruit training academy, to allow recruits to develop and reinforce these skills over time.

**271.** NOPD agrees to not add recruit candidates after the first week of the recruit training academy.

**272.** To ensure continuity of training, NOPD agrees to minimize interruptions to recruit academy training for the purpose of staffing special events and other functions. This does not preclude the use of recruits for Mardi Gras-related service functions or in case of emergencies.

**273.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to ensure that the recruit academy is sufficiently staffed to effectively train recruits, and that the deployment of recruit academy staff to cover patrol shifts or other duties does not disrupt training activities. This does not prohibit academy staff from working 'Mission' patrols. Recruit classes shall not exceed 30 candidates per class.

**274.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide recruits and officers with appropriate training facilities to ensure adequate access to safe and effective training. The Parties agree that such training can be provided without constructing any new facilities.

**F. Field Training Program**

**275.** Within 365 days of Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a field-training program for recruit academy graduates that comports with NOPD's written training

plan and this Agreement. NOPD's field training program shall follow academy training and shall be at least 16 weeks.

**276.** NOPD's policies and procedures on field training shall delineate the criteria and methodology for selecting FTOs and Field Training Sergeants. Only highly qualified officers shall serve as FTOs and Field Training Sergeants. NOPD agrees to establish formal eligibility criteria for FTOs and Field Training Sergeants based on their performance evaluations, previous superior performance as police officers, and complaint and disciplinary histories. FTO appointments will be subject to review for reappointment at the Training Division Commander's discretion. District commanders will also have discretion, upon consultation with the Training Academy staff, to remove a field-training officer from the FTO program.

**277.** NOPD agrees to ensure that all current and new FTOs and Field Training sergeants receive at least 40 hours of initial supervisory-level training and annual in-service training in the following areas: management and supervision; community-oriented policing; effective problem solving techniques; and field communication. FTOs and Field Training sergeants shall be required to maintain, and demonstrate on a regular basis, their proficiency in managing recruits and subordinates, practicing and teaching community-oriented policing, and solving problems effectively. NOPD shall maintain current documentation of FTOs' evaluations and training.

**278.** NOPD agrees to ensure that recruits in the field-training program are trained in a variety of geographic areas within New Orleans; in a variety of shifts; and with several FTOs.

**279.** Annually, NOPD agrees to review and evaluate the performance of FTOs and Field Training Sergeants, with re-certification dependent on satisfactory prior performance and feedback from the Training Division staff.

**280.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to create a mechanism for recruits to provide confidential feedback regarding the quality of their field training, including the extent to which their field training was consistent with what they learned in the Academy, and suggestions for changes to Academy training based upon their experience in the FTO program. NOPD agrees to consider feedback and to document its response, including the rationale behind any responsive action taken or decision to take no action.

**281.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to review and revise its FTO participation policy to establish and implement a program that effectively attracts the best FTO candidates.

**282.** NOPD's training advisory committee shall conduct, within 365 days of the Effective Date, a study of the feasibility of implementing a Police Training Officer model that would incorporate community- and problem-oriented policing principles, and problem-based learning methods of teaching. If NOPD and the City find it feasible, NOPD and the City agree to implement this program.

**G. In-Service Training**

**283.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a mandatory annual in-service training program that comports with NOPD's written training plan and the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD agrees to provide at least 64 hours of in-service training to each officer pursuant to this program within 365 Days of the Effective Date of this Agreement and annually thereafter. In-service training will be comprised of a 40-hour core curriculum and 24 hours of additional elective training. Specialized training for officers in certain units or assignments (such as the initial 40-hour training for specialized CIT officers) shall be considered additional elective training.

**284.** NOPD agrees to create core-training requirements for the following positions: officers; command staff; lieutenants and sergeants; detectives; narcotics investigators; and specialized units.

**285.** NOPD agrees to plan, develop, and implement a comprehensive roll-call training program. Roll-call training shall be provided at the beginning of each shift. Roll-call training shall include special topics selected by the Training Division Commander or District Commanders that address officer safety, readiness, community concerns, or departmental procedural matters.

**H. Training Records**

**286.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a system that will allow the Training Division to electronically track, maintain, and report complete and accurate records of current curricula, lesson plans, training delivered, and other training materials in a centralized electronic file system. This system shall, at a minimum:

- a) maintain training records for each recruit and each sworn member of the Department;
- b) record the course description, duration, curriculum, date and location of training, name of instructor, and the personnel who completed the training; and
- c) document officers who did not complete required training and all corrective actions taken.

**287.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement accountability measures, including disciplinary and non-disciplinary corrective action, to ensure that all officers successfully complete all required training programs in a timely manner.

**288.** NOPD agrees to document all training provided to or received by NOPD officers, whether required or otherwise. Officers shall sign an acknowledgement of attendance or digitally acknowledge completion of training. NOPD shall report training delivered and received annually. This report shall include a:

- a) description of each course, including a summary of the subject matter; the duration, date and location, the name of the instructor, and the number of persons who completed the training; and
- b) listing of all officers who completed in-service, recruit, specialized, or elective training; and
- c) listing of officers who did not complete required training and the corrective action taken for each officer.

### **XIII. OFFICER ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT**

NOPD agrees to provide officers and employees ready access to the mental health and support resources necessary to facilitate effective and constitutional policing. To achieve this outcome, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements below.

#### **A. Department-Wide Health and Wellness Program**

**289.** NOPD agrees to further develop and offer a centralized and comprehensive range of mental health services that comports with best practices and current professional standards, which include: readily accessible confidential counseling services with both direct and indirect referrals; critical incident debriefings and crisis counseling; peer counseling; and stress management training.

**290.** Within 180 days, NOPD agrees to develop a department-wide mental and physical health and wellness program that:

- a) provides and specifies access to mental health services for officers following traumatic incidents;
- b) ensures that in situations where an officer is referred for a fitness-for-duty evaluation to assess psychological fitness, the evaluation is performed by a provider external to NOPD;
- c) ensures that the roles, duties, and responsibilities of NOPD mental health professionals

are properly delineated to avoid risk of conflict and increase officer confidence in NOPD provided mental health services;

d) provides access to consistent counseling and treatment by mental health professionals; and

e) fosters participation and compliance by ensuring confidentiality under federal and state privacy laws; and

f) incorporates mental health services for NOPD officers and their families into NOPD's crisis response and emergency preparedness planning.

**291.** NOPD agrees to compile and distribute a list of internally and externally available mental health services to all officers and employees. NOPD should periodically consult with community and other outside service providers to maintain a current and accurate list of available providers.

**292.** NOPD agrees to train management and supervisory personnel in officer support services protocols to ensure wide availability and use of officer support services; and agrees to incorporate discussion of currently available officer support services, and how to access those services, into annual officer in-service training.

**293.** NOPD agrees to involve mental health professionals in developing and providing academy and in-service training on mental health stressors related to law enforcement and the mental health services available to officers.

**294.** NOPD agrees to involve mental health professionals in officer training on use of force, to address such topics as: peer intervention by fellow officers to stop the use of excessive force; the interaction of human perception and threat assessment; decision making under highly charged conditions; psychological methods of situation control; patrol de-escalation and defusing techniques that not only provide a tactical response, but also respond to the fear stimulated by confrontations; anger management programs; and training in verbal control and communication, including conflict resolution.

#### **XIV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AND PROMOTIONS**

NOPD agrees to ensure that officers who police effectively and ethically are recognized through the performance evaluation process, and that officers who lead effectively and ethically are identified and receive appropriate consideration for promotion. NOPD shall further ensure that poor performance or policing that otherwise undermines public safety and community trust is reflected in officer evaluations so that NOPD can identify and effectively respond. To achieve



these outcomes, NOPD, working with Civil Service, agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Performance Evaluations**

**295.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to develop and implement an NOPD-specific system that comports with best practices and the requirements of this Agreement to accurately evaluate officer performance in areas related to integrity, community policing, and critical police functions, on both an ongoing and annual basis.

**296.** As part of this program, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to establish a formalized system documenting annual performance evaluations of each officer by the officer's direct supervisor that shall include assessment of:

- a) community engagement and communication with the public as appropriate to assignment;
- b) use of community-policing and problem-solving strategies as appropriate to assignment;
- c) civilian commendations and complaints;
- d) disciplinary actions;
- e) compliance with policies on usage of sick leave and other leave;
- f) compliance with policies on secondary employment;
- g) safety (e.g., POST officer safety standards and vehicle operations);
- h) training;
- i) report writing; and
- j) decision-making skills.

**297.** Annual performance evaluations shall be based upon all work performed during the specific rating period. The officer's current direct supervisor shall complete the performance evaluation.

**298.** Performance evaluations shall include a narrative by the supervisor that discusses any areas in which the officer's performance needs to improve, and areas of particular growth and achievement during the rating period.

**299.** As part of the annual performance review process, supervisors shall meet with the employee whose performance is being evaluated to discuss the evaluation. In addition, supervisors shall meet with their subordinates on an ongoing basis to discuss their performance and shall document the supervisor's ongoing efforts and communications regarding officer performance challenges and areas of growth.

**300.** Supervisors shall complete training consistent with best practices on how to effectively evaluate officer performance. Within 365 days of the Effective Date, and as part of initial supervisory training, supervisors shall be required to complete at least four hours of training, focused on how to effectively evaluate officer performance. This training is in addition to any training on the mechanics of how to complete employee performance evaluations. The performance evaluations for each supervisor (whether first-line or commander) shall include assessment of the supervisor's ability and effectiveness in conducting the supervisory reviews as required by this Agreement, including monitoring, deterring, and addressing misconduct by officers they supervise.

**301.** NOPD agrees to hold supervisors of all ranks accountable for conducting timely, accurate, and complete performance evaluations of their subordinates.

**B. Promotions**

**302.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to develop and implement fair and consistent promotions practices that comport with best police practices and the requirements of this Agreement and result in the promotion of officers who are both ethical and effective. NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to provide clear guidance on promotional criteria, and to prioritize effective, constitutional, and community-oriented policing as criteria for promotion.

**303.** NOPD agrees to request that Civil Service remove from the promotional eligibility list any officer whose history does not strongly indicate that the officer is likely to be ethical and effective in the position to which he or she is being considered for promotion. Factors to be considered in making this assessment include:

- a) effective use of community-policing strategies;
- b) number of sustained and not sustained complaints;
- c) number and circumstances of uses of force, including any found out of policy and use of force complaints;
- d) disciplinary history;
- e) problem-solving skills;
- f) interpersonal skills;
- g) education; and
- h) support for departmental integrity measures.

**304.** NOPD agrees to work with Civil Service to establish specific criteria for disciplinary findings, which shall make an officer presumptively ineligible for promotion for a certain time period. Officers with pending investigations or disciplinary action in a matter alleging serious misconduct shall not be eligible for promotion.

**305.** The City agrees to work with Civil Service to create opportunities for officers to be placed on the promotional list at least every two years.

## **XV. SUPERVISION**

NOPD and the City agree to ensure that an adequate number of qualified first-line supervisors are deployed in the field to allow supervisors to provide the close and effective supervision necessary for officers to improve and grow professionally; to police actively and effectively; and to identify, correct, and prevent misconduct. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD agrees to implement the requirements set out below.

### **A. Duties of Supervisors**

**306.** NOPD supervisors shall be held accountable for providing the close and effective supervision necessary to direct and guide officers. Close and effective supervision requires that supervisors: respond to the scene of certain arrests; review each arrest report; respond to the scene of uses of force as required by this Agreement; investigate each use of force (except those investigated by FIT); review the accuracy and completeness of officers' Daily Activity Reports; respond to each complaint of misconduct; ensure that officers are working actively to engage the community and increase public trust and safety; and provide counseling, redirection, and support to officers as needed, and that supervisors are held accountable for performing each of these duties.

**307.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, all Field Operations Bureau District officers (including patrol, task force, district investigative, and narcotics units) shall be assigned to a single, consistent, and clearly-defined supervisor.

**308.** Task force and narcotics supervisors shall actually work the same days and hours as the officers they are assigned to supervise absent unusual circumstance or when the supervisor is on vacation, in training, or ill. Investigative unit supervisors shall work generally the same days and hours as the officers they are assigned to supervise, taking into account that shift differences will not permit complete supervisory overlap.

**309.** District Platoon Patrol supervisors shall be assigned to the same platoon as the officers they supervise and shall actually work the same days and hours as the officers of that platoon absent unusual circumstances or when the supervisor is on vacation, training, or ill.

**310.** Within 270 days of the Effective Date, first-line patrol supervisors shall be assigned to supervise no more than eight officers. On duty patrol supervisors shall be available throughout their shift to respond to the field to provide supervision to officers under their direct command and, as needed, to provide supervisory assistance to other units.

**311.** [Paragraph stricken]

**312.** District commanders and platoon lieutenants shall be responsible for the close and effective supervision of officers under their command. All NOPD commanders and platoon lieutenants shall ensure that all subordinates under their direct command comply with NOPD policy, state and federal law, and the requirements of this Agreement.

**313.** NOPD shall hold commanders and supervisors directly accountable for the quality and effectiveness of their supervision, including whether commanders and supervisors identify and effectively respond to misconduct, as part of their performance evaluations and through non-disciplinary corrective action, or through the initiation of formal investigation and the disciplinary process, as appropriate.

**B. Supervisor and Command-Level Training**

**314.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement mandatory supervisory training for all new and current supervisors. All current supervisors shall receive 200 hours of mandatory supervisory training within two years of the Effective Date. NOPD shall receive credit for professional police leadership training being provided in 2012 to current NOPD supervisors. All officers becoming supervisors within two years of the Effective Date shall receive 160 hours of initial supervisory training before assuming supervisory duties. All officers becoming supervisors after two years of the Effective Date shall receive 80 hours of initial supervisory training before assuming supervisory duties. In addition to this initial supervisory training, NOPD agrees to require each supervisor to complete at least 40 hours of supervisor-specific training annually thereafter. In-service training for supervisors, including commanders, shall provide necessary updates and refreshers, as well as training in new skills.

**315.** NOPD's supervisory training program shall include instruction in the following topics:

- a) techniques for effectively guiding and directing officers, and for promoting effective and

ethical police practices;

- b) de-escalating conflict, including through peer intervention when necessary;
- c) evaluation of written reports, including what constitutes a fact-based description, and how to identify “pat,” “boilerplate,” or conclusory language that is not explained by specific facts;
- d) investigating officer uses of force;
- e) responding to and investigating allegations of officer misconduct;
- f) operation of supervisory tools such as the EWS, mobile recording equipment, and AVL;
- g) burdens of proof, interview techniques, and the factors to consider when evaluating officer, complainant, or witness credibility, to ensure that investigative findings, conclusions, and recommendations are unbiased, uniform and legally supported;
- h) evaluating officer performance as part of NOPD’s annual performance evaluation system;
- i) fostering positive career development and imposing appropriate disciplinary sanctions and non-disciplinary corrective action;
- j) building community partnerships and guiding officers on same; and
- k) incorporating integrity-related data into COMSTAT reporting.

**C. Early Warning System**

**316.** The City and NOPD agree to develop, implement, and maintain an EWS to support the effective supervision and management of NOPD officers and employees, including the identification of and response to potentially problematic behaviors as early as possible. NOPD will regularly use EWS data to promote constitutional and professional police practices; to manage risk and liability; and to evaluate the performance of NOPD employees across all ranks, units, and shifts.

**317.** Within 90 days of the Effective Date, the City and NOPD agree to create a plan for the implementation of the EWS, which shall include the hiring of at least one full-time-equivalent qualified information technology specialist within 270 days of the Effective Date, to facilitate the development, implementation, and maintenance of the EWS. The City and NOPD agree to maintain sufficient staffing to facilitate EWS data input and provide training and assistance to EWS users.

**318.** The City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a protocol setting out which fields shall include historical data; the historical start date for each field; deadlines for inputting data

related to current and new information; and the individuals responsible for capturing and inputting data. NOPD is not expected to include any historical data prior to January 1, 2006.

**319.** The City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a protocol for using the EWS and information obtained from it. The protocol for using the EWS shall address data storage, data retrieval, reporting, data analysis, pattern identification, identifying officers for intervention, supervisory use, supervisory/departmental intervention, documentation and audit. Among protocol requirements, the City and NOPD agree to include:

- a) comparative data analysis, including peer group analysis, to identify patterns of activity by individual officers and groups of officers;
- b) NOPD commander and supervisor review, on a regular basis, of EWS reports regarding each officer under the commander or supervisor's direct command and, at least quarterly, broader, pattern-based reports;
- c) NOPD commander and supervisor initiation, implementation, and assessment of the effectiveness of interventions for individual officers, supervisors, and units, based on assessment of the information contained in the EWS;
- d) an array of intervention options to facilitate an effective response to identified problems. Interventions may take the form of counseling or training, or of other supervised, monitored, and documented action plans and strategies designed to modify activity. NOPD agrees to seek the services of mental health professionals and others to ensure that interventions are appropriate and effective. All interventions will be documented in writing and entered into the automated system;
- e) specify that the decision to order an intervention for an employee or group using EWS data shall include peer group analysis, including consideration of the nature of the employee's assignment and appropriate thresholds, and not solely on the number or percentages of incidents in any category of information recorded in the EWS;
- f) prompt review by NOPD commanders and supervisors of the EWS system records of all officers upon transfer to their supervision or command;
- g) evaluation of NOPD commanders and supervisors based on their appropriate use of the EWS to enhance effective and constitutional policing and reduce risk; and
- h) mechanisms to ensure monitored and secure access to the EWS to ensure the integrity, proper use, and appropriate confidentiality of the data.

**320.** The EWS shall include a computerized relational database, which shall be used to collect, maintain, integrate, and retrieve:

- a) all uses of force, including critical firearm discharges, both on-duty and off-duty;
- b) the number of ECW units in use;
- c) each canine officer's canine bite ratio;
- d) all injuries to persons in-custody, including in-custody deaths;
- e) all instances in which force is used and a subject is charged with obstructing or resisting an officer, interfering with a law enforcement investigation, or similar charges;
- f) all misconduct complaints (and their dispositions);
- g) data compiled under the stop data collection mechanism;
- h) all criminal proceedings initiated against an officer, as well as all civil or administrative claims filed with, and all civil lawsuits served upon, the City and/or its officers or agents, resulting from NOPD operations or the actions of NOPD personnel;
- i) all judicial proceedings where an officer is the subject of a protective or restraining order;
- j) all vehicle pursuits and traffic collisions involving NOPD equipment;
- k) all loss or theft of NOPD property or equipment in the custody of the employee, including currency, firearms, force instruments, and identification cards;
- l) all interviews or interrogations in violation of NOPD policy;
- m) all instances in which NOPD learns or is informed by a prosecuting or judicial authority that a declination to prosecute any crime was based upon concerns about the credibility of an NOPD employee or that a motion to suppress evidence was granted on the grounds of a constitutional violation by an NOPD employee;
- n) all disciplinary action taken against employees;
- o) all non-disciplinary corrective action required of employees;
- p) all awards and commendations received by employees;
- q) training history, including firearm qualification and other weapon certifications, for each employee; and
- r) sick leave usage.

**321.** The EWS shall include appropriate identifying information for each involved employee (i.e., name, badge number, shift, and supervisor) and civilian (e.g., race, ethnicity, and gender).

**322.** The City and NOPD agree to maintain computer hardware, including servers, terminals, and other necessary equipment, in sufficient amount and in good working order to permit personnel, including supervisors and commanders, ready and secure access to the EWS system to permit timely input and review of EWS data as necessary to comply with the requirements of this Agreement.

**323.** NOPD shall maintain all personally identifiable information about an officer included in the EWS for at least five years following the officer's separation from the agency except where prohibited by law. Information necessary for aggregate statistical analysis will be maintained indefinitely in the EWS. On an ongoing basis, NOPD will enter information into the EWS in a timely, accurate, and complete manner, and shall maintain the data in a secure and confidential manner. No individual within NOPD shall have access to individually identifiable information that is maintained only within the EWS and is about an officer not within that individual's direct command, except as necessary for investigative, technological, or auditing purposes.

**324.** The EWS computer program and computer hardware will be operational, fully implemented, and used in accordance with policies and protocols that incorporate the requirements of this Agreement pursuant to an interim schedule that includes full implementation within three years of the Effective Date. Prior to full implementation of the new EWS, NOPD will continue to use existing databases and resources to the fullest extent possible, to identify patterns of conduct by employees or groups of officers.

**325.** NOPD agrees to provide in-service training to all employees, including officers, supervisors, and commanders regarding EWS protocols prior to its implementation, as required to facilitate proper understanding and use of the system. NOPD supervisors shall be trained in and required to use the EWS to ensure that each supervisor has a complete and current understanding of the employees under the supervisor's command. Commanders and supervisors shall be trained in evaluating and making appropriate comparisons in order to identify any significant individual or group patterns.

**326.** Following the initial implementation of the EWS, and as experience and the availability of new technology may warrant, the City and NOPD may add, subtract, or modify thresholds, data tables, and fields; modify the list of documents scanned or electronically attached; and add, subtract, or modify standardized reports and queries as appropriate. NOPD will submit all such



proposals for review and approval to the Monitor and DOJ before implementation to ensure it continues to comply with the intent of this Agreement.

**D. Visual and Audio Documentation of Police Activities**

**327.** Within two years of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to maintain and operate video cameras and AVL in all marked or unmarked vehicles that are assigned to routine calls for service, task forces, tactical units, prisoner transport, or SOD canine and shall repair or replace all non-functioning video cameras or AVL units, as necessary for reliable functioning. One-half of these vehicles will be equipped with video cameras and AVL within one year of the Effective Date. NOPD agrees to ensure that recordings are captured, maintained, and reviewed as appropriate by supervisors, in addition to any review for investigatory or audit purposes, to assess the quality and appropriateness of officer interactions, uses of force, and other police activities.

**328.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement policies and procedures regarding AVL, in-car cameras, ECWs, and similar equipment that require:

- a) activation of in-car cameras for all traffic stops and pursuits until the motor vehicle stop is completed and the stopped vehicle departs, or until the officer's participation in the motor vehicle stop ends;
- b) activation of ECW cameras when the ECW's safety switch is turned off;
- c) activation of in-car cameras, where vehicle is so-equipped, to record requests for consent to search a vehicle, deployment of drug- detection canines, and vehicle searches;
- d) activation of in-car cameras for incidents in which a prisoner being transported is violent or resistant;
- e) supervisors to review AVL, in-car camera recordings, and ECW recordings of all officers listed in any NOPD report regarding any incident involving injuries to a prisoner or an officer, Level 2-4 uses of force, vehicle pursuits, or misconduct complaints;
- f) supervisors to review recordings regularly and to incorporate the knowledge gained from this review into their ongoing evaluation and supervision of officers;
- g) NOPD to retain and preserve recordings for at least three years, or, if a case remains under investigation or litigation longer than three years, at least three years after the final disposition of the matter, including appeals; and
- h) an officer to notify a supervisor immediately when an event was not recorded.

**329.** Within 90 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a schedule for testing AVL, in-car camera, and ECW recording equipment to confirm that it is in proper working order. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that recording equipment assigned to them or their car is functioning properly at the beginning and end of each shift and shall report immediately any improperly functioning equipment.

**330.** Supervisors shall be responsible for ensuring that officers under their command use in-car camera recording equipment, AVL equipment, ECW cameras, and similar equipment, as required by policy. Supervisors shall report equipment problems and seek to have equipment repaired as needed. Supervisors shall refer for investigation any officer found to fail to properly use or care for in-car camera recording, AVL, ECW camera, or similar equipment.

**331.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to provide each supervisor with handheld digital recording devices or body-worn cameras and require that supervisors use these devices to record complainant and witness statements taken as part of use of force or misconduct complaint investigations.

## **XVI. SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM**

The City shall completely restructure what is currently known as its Paid Detail system to ensure that officers' and other NOPD employees' off-duty secondary employment does not compromise or interfere with the integrity and effectiveness of NOPD employees' primary work as sworn police officers serving the entire New Orleans community. To achieve this outcome, the City shall develop and implement an off-duty secondary employment system that comports with applicable law and current professional standards, and which shall include the requirements set out below.

### **A. Secondary Employment Coordinating Office**

**332.** The Secondary Employment Coordinating Office ("Coordinating Office") shall have sole authority to arrange, coordinate, arrange fully-auditable payment, and perform all other administrative functions related to NOPD employees' off-duty secondary law enforcement employment (historically referred to as paid details) and shall be operated in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

**333.** The Coordinating Office shall be directed by a civilian with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. This Coordinating Office Director ("Director") shall not be a present or former NOPD employee. The Director shall be an unclassified civil servant

appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Mayor, and shall remain independent from actual or perceived influence by NOPD.

**334.** The Coordinating Office shall employ a civilian in the role of “Major Special Events” Coordinator with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest. This Major Special Events Coordinator shall not be a present or former NOPD employee. This Coordinator will report to the Director.

a) Major Special Events include Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, Essence Music Festival, French Quarter Festival, Voodoo Fest, college bowl and college championship events, professional sporting events, and other events as designated by the Mayor, Chief Administrative Officer, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, the City Attorney, City Council, or the Superintendent as a Major Special Event.

**335.** The Director’s and all other Coordinating Office employees’ salaries shall be independent of the number of off-duty secondary jobs worked or the amount of revenue generated by secondary employment.

**336.** The Coordinating Office shall be staffed with civilians with no actual conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest, and shall not have been NOPD employees within the previous two years.

**337.** The Coordinating Office shall not be located in, or immediately adjacent to, NOPD Headquarters, District Headquarters, or a District Substation.

**B. Coordinating Office Responsibilities**

**338.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, or as funding is established, the City shall develop and implement and the Coordinating Office shall maintain a searchable list of off-duty secondary employment opportunities, which can be accessed through either the existing NOPD employee web site or another accessible database.

**339.** The Coordinating Office shall maintain a roster of NOPD employees interested in working off-duty secondary employment.

**340.** The Coordinating Office shall establish a rotation system that provides a fair and equitable number of secondary employment opportunities to all NOPD employees in consideration of preferences for assignment and availability.

**341.** The Coordinating Office shall fill all new secondary employment opportunities and temporary vacancies pursuant to written and consistently applied criteria. NOPD employees

shall not be permitted to select substitutes or allow another employee to work an assigned secondary job in place of the employee.

**342.** The Coordinating Office shall establish an after-hours notification system, which provides them the capability of accepting information and making assignments 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

**343.** The Coordinating Office shall remove NOPD employees from the secondary employment roster where the employees are performing unsatisfactorily, are under suspension, administrative reassignment, or have been charged with a crime.

**344.** Approval to work secondary employment is not automatically based on assignment through the Coordinating Office. Members shall also be required to comply with all NOPD internal procedures governing off-duty secondary employment, including the completion of an NOPD Secondary Employment Authorization Form.

**345.** The Coordinating Office shall identify secondary employment jobs to be inspected based on the frequency worked, and the NOPD's Performance Standards Section shall conduct these inspections according to established, written criteria. The results of these inspections shall be maintained by NOPD and communicated to the Coordinating Office. Supervisory oversight at Major Special Events or larger venues, which meet minimum supervisor staffing level requirements specified under this Agreement, shall be the responsibility of those ranking officers who were selected by the Coordinating Office to work the secondary employment assignment. The required number of supervisory officers specified under minimum staffing requirements for Major Special Events or larger venues must be present for the duration of the secondary employment assignment.

**346.** The Coordinating Office shall ensure that no NOPD employee is supervising another employee of higher rank. For Major Special Events requiring greater than 50 officers where all supervisory positions are filled and where reasonably necessary to ensure public safety, officers in the ranks of commander, major, captain, or lieutenant who have volunteered to do so may serve in positions with no supervisory authority or less supervisory authority than their rank would warrant, provided that: 1) the roles assigned to these ranking supervisors are ones that do not depend upon close supervision by a lower-ranking member and 2) they retain their command authority.

**347.** The Coordinating Office shall be responsible for collecting and maintaining a searchable database of all secondary employment worked. This database shall be searchable by secondary employment assignment and by employee and shall identify the employee working the secondary employment, secondary employment hours, and assignment locations. This database shall maintain historic and current information on all employees' secondary employment.

**348.** A schedule of fees will be established by the Court to offset costs associated with the coordination and required support provided through the Coordinating Office to take into account costs, including but not limited to, administrative fees, hourly wage rates, and equipment usages. The schedule of fees shall be publicly available.

**349.** The Coordinating Office shall be responsible for the annual, public release of the following information:

- a) The number of NOPD employees who worked secondary employment by District and rank;
- b) The average number of secondary employment hours worked by District and rank;
- c) The salaries of Coordinating Office employees and the Coordinating Office's administrative operational costs; and
- d) The net and gross amounts of City income derived through secondary employment.

**350.** a) The Coordinating Office shall ensure that all potential employers are notified of their responsibilities, including:

(1) Agreeing that individuals or entities seeking to employ off-duty NOPD employees to work secondary employment must work through the Coordinating Office;

(2) Making all payments in advance and acknowledgement that advanced payments may be subject to forfeiture or penalty assessment associated with late cancellations;

(3) Agreeing to have secondary employees sign in and sign out every work day; and

(4) Acknowledging that they are prohibited from providing any compensation, either cash or in-kind, including bonuses or gifts, beyond nominal compensation in the form of food or beverages, to an NOPD employee or the friend or relative of an NOPD employee in exchange for any secondary employment services offered.

b) An employer may be exempt from the advance payment requirement of section (a)(2) of this paragraph if:

- (1) the employer is a state or governmental agency; or

(2) the employer satisfies the specific criteria which have been delineated by the Director of the Coordinating Office, and approved by the Monitor and the DOJ, to determine financial stability.

c) Any further modifications or revisions to the criteria delineated by the Director pursuant to section (b)(2) of this paragraph are subject to an approval process similar to the one contained in consent decree paragraphs 21 and 22.

**C. Secondary Employment Compensation**

**351.** The Coordinating Office, working with NOPD and the City, shall develop and implement an auditable payment system that ensures that secondary employment pay is made to NOPD employees.

**352.** NOPD employees working secondary employment shall not be permitted to receive any compensation, either cash or in-kind, including bonuses or gifts, unless such compensation, bonus, or gift, is provided through and documented by the Coordinating Office and is in accordance with the Louisiana Ethics Code for public employees. Nominal compensation in the form of food or beverages is permitted in accordance with the Louisiana Ethics Code for public employees.

**353.** Travel time to and from secondary employment shall not be compensated, unless it involves specialized patrol services or use of specialized equipment.

**354.** NOPD employees are not permitted to solicit secondary compensation or employment. Individuals or entities seeking to employ NOPD employees to work secondary employment must work through the Coordinating Office.

**355.** NOPD shall advise all officers that attempting to circumvent or circumventing the secondary employment policy or the Coordinating Office shall subject officers to discipline as warranted, up to and including dismissal.

**D. Limitations on Secondary Employment Work**

**356.** NOPD and the Coordinating Office shall establish a standard form by which NOPD employees can register to work secondary employment assignments. No employee shall be eligible to work secondary employment without first registering with the NOPD Compliance Section and obtaining authorization from the employee's direct supervisor and unit commander. Secondary employment authorization shall be valid for one calendar year. When determining

whether an NOPD employee qualifies for authorization to work secondary employment, NOPD and the Coordinating Office shall evaluate factors that include:

- a) The quality of the employee's primary employment performance, assessed pursuant to written criteria;
- b) Whether the employee is an active member of the NOPD or grandfathered Reserve officer in good standing;
- c) The applicant's disciplinary record, complaint history, and work performance history;
- d) The applicant's level of experience; and
- e) Whether the employee is seeking a supervisory or non-supervisory position.

Non-supervisory NOPD employees may not supervise secondary employment.

**357.** Only a POST certified commissioned member who has successfully completed his/her FTO training may work police-related secondary employment assignments.

**358.** [Paragraph stricken]

**359.** POST certified commissioned members hired as lateral transfers successfully completing FTO training may work authorized secondary employment unsupervised.

**360.** Regardless of prior approval, members shall not engage in secondary employment while absent in the following status: sick; Injured On-Duty; Worker's Compensation; Maternity Leave; Leave Without Pay; or Suspended or under Administrative Reassignment with a restricted police commission. Members must return to full duty status and have completed a full tour of duty prior to working a secondary employment opportunity.

**361.** Secondary employment for City departments and agencies shall be prohibited. Instead, departments and agencies shall cover compensation for employees through authorized City reimbursement procedures.

**362.** In addition to the secondary employment positions prohibited under current NOPD policy, the following types of work or services shall be prohibited as secondary employment:

- a) Work in or for Alcoholic Beverage Outlets as defined under NOPD policy;
- b) Private investigations;
- c) Chauffeur services; except where chauffeur services to public officials, executives or celebrities is secondary to a primary purpose of security. Notwithstanding the foregoing prohibition, motorcycle escorts for chauffeur services and limousines are permitted;
- d) Security at sexually oriented businesses;

- e) Employment requiring that the employee act as a civil process server; and
- f) Security at pawn shops.

**363.** NOPD employees are prohibited from working secondary employment that conflicts with the employee's NOPD duties and ethical obligations. Prohibitions include:

- a) Representing anyone before any court or agency of the City, with or without compensation, on a matter in which the City is a party or has a substantial interest;
- b) Serving as an expert witness in his or her private capacity in any civil or criminal proceeding in which the City is a party or has a substantial interest;
- c) Working secondary employment during court hours while the employee is under a conflicting subpoena;
- d) Disclosing confidential information acquired in an official capacity to any secondary employer;
- e) Using on-duty time to conduct investigations or take other law enforcement action on behalf of a secondary employer where there would be an actual conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest;
- f) Knowingly participating in, or soliciting the creation of, any corporation, company, trust, fund, or cooperative banking account for the purpose of billing, receiving compensation, or coordinating services of secondary employment; and
- g) Taking an assignment that will interrupt or occur during the employee's assigned on-duty NOPD shift.

**364.** Secondary employment by NOPD employees will be limited to a maximum of 24 hours per seven-day work week (Sunday through Saturday). Exceptions to the hour limitation may be granted for Major Special Events where manpower requirements are so intensive that sufficient resources may not be available for the safe operation of the event (e.g., Jazz Fest, Mardi Gras). Application for such an event exception will be made in advance via interoffice correspondence (NOPD Form 105) by an employee or event commander that estimates the number of hours an employee can exceed the maximum threshold. The application will be forwarded through the appropriate chain of command for final approval by the Superintendent. Secondary employment in excess of the 24-hour limitation cannot be worked unless approved in advance by the Superintendent.



**365.** No employee, including Reserve officers, shall work more than 16 hours 49 minutes within a 24-hour period. (The 24-hour period begins the first time the employee reports for either regular duty or secondary employment allowing for a minimum of eight hours of rest within each 24-hour period.) These hours are cumulative and include normal scheduled work hours, overtime, off-duty secondary employment, and outside employment.

**366.** Commissioned Reserve officers are allowed to register for and work secondary employment assignments through the Coordinating Office if they are full time active duty officers in good standing or Commissioned Reserve Officers on the Effective Date. The following further limitations and restrictions shall apply to all Reserve members, however:

- a) Plain clothes secondary employment coordinated through the Coordinating Office must be approved by the Superintendent or his designee prior to allowing any Reserve officer to work in plain clothes;
- b) Reserve officers shall not work secondary employment for their current employer or for anyone for whom they have worked full time during any period within two years of the Effective Date;
- c) Reserve officers shall not work secondary employment during the first year after graduation from the Reserve Police Academy;
- d) Reserve officers must have volunteered a minimum of 480 hours in the prior calendar year to be eligible to work secondary employment during the following calendar year. Officers who have met this requirement may work the same number of hours as a full-time, paid commissioned member of the NOPD. This requirement is waived for resigned or retired commissioned officers in their first year in the Reserve Division;
- e) [Subparagraph stricken]
- f) [Subparagraph stricken]
- g) The Coordinating Office shall monitor annual authorization forms for reserve officers to ensure compliance with this agreement; and
- h) Reserve officers shall follow all policies and procedures of NOPD, the NOPD Reserve Division and this Agreement while working secondary employment.
- i) [Subparagraph stricken]

**E. Secondary Employment Employee Responsibilities**

**367.** NOPD employees seeking to work any secondary employment shall submit a signed Secondary Employment Registration Form (“Registration Form”) initially and annually thereafter to the Coordinating Office. This Registration Form shall include acknowledgment that:

- a) the employee understands that working secondary employment is a privilege subject to strict criteria;
- b) the employee represents NOPD while working secondary employment;
- c) the employee must abide by all NOPD policies while working secondary employment; and
- d) the employee may be disciplined by NOPD for policy violations committed while working secondary employment.

**368.** Employees working secondary employment shall have the same responsibility to carry appropriate departmental equipment (e.g., police radios) and document their activities in the same manner as if they were on-duty, including completing incident, arrest, and use of force reports, and reporting allegations of misconduct or observed misconduct.

**F. Secondary Employment Supervision**

**369.** Working with NOPD, the Coordinating Office shall determine the number of employees and supervisors necessary to work a secondary job, considering factors that include:

- a) The anticipated number of people attending the function;
- b) Whether alcoholic beverages will be served;
- c) Whether the event is open to the public or is private/by invitation only;
- d) The location of the event; and
- e) The history of the event and employer.

**370.** The minimum supervisory requirements for any secondary employment assignment shall be:

- a) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of one to four officers may be worked without a ranking officer. In these instances, the most senior officer accepts responsibility for secondary employment related notifications. Supervisory oversight shall be the responsibility of a patrol supervisor in the District of the secondary employment assignment, though officers engaged in secondary employment are expected to abide by general directions from the coordinating office;

- b) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of five to nine officers shall include at least one ranking officer of at least the grade of sergeant or lieutenant;
- c) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 10 to 14 officers shall include at least two ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant or lieutenant;
- d) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 15 to 19 officers shall include at least two ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and one supervisor of at least the grade of lieutenant;
- e) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 20 to 24 officers shall include at least three ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and one supervisor of at least the grade of lieutenant;
- f) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 25 to 29 officers shall include at least three ranking officers of at least the grade of sergeant and two supervisors of at least the grade of lieutenant;
- g) Secondary employment requiring the simultaneous or overlapping schedule of 30 officers or more shall include supervisory coverage in addition to that specified above based on the following graduated scale:
  - (1) One sergeant or above for every five members;
  - (2) One lieutenant or above for every two sergeants;
  - (3) One captain or above for every three lieutenants.

**371.** Sergeants and lieutenants shall be allowed to back-fill a police officer opening, but those supervisors electing to fill such a vacancy are eligible for compensation at the hourly rate approved for the police officer position as negotiated between the Coordinating Office and the employer. Captains or above shall only be allowed to fill open vacancies at a supervisory staffing level equivalent to a captain's position.

**372.** Supervisors shall supervise NOPD employees working secondary employment in the same manner as if they were working their primary employment.

**373.** The City will implement a system so that on-duty NOPD patrol supervisors are aware of each secondary job within that supervisor's geographical coverage area and the identity of each employee working each secondary job.

374. [Paragraph stricken]

**XVII. MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT INTAKE, INVESTIGATION, AND  
ADJUDICATION**

NOPD and the City agree to ensure that all allegations of officer misconduct are received and are fully and fairly investigated; that all investigative findings are supported using the preponderance of the evidence standard and documented in writing; and that all officers who commit misconduct are held accountable pursuant to a disciplinary system that is fair and consistent. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

**A. Reporting Misconduct**

375. NOPD agrees to continue to require any Department employee who observes or becomes aware of any act of misconduct by another employee to report the incident to a supervisor or directly to PIB for review and investigation. Where an act of misconduct is reported to a supervisor, the supervisor shall immediately document and report this information to PIB. Failure to report or document an act of misconduct or criminal behavior is an egregious offense and shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

**B. Non-Investigative Responses to Allegations of Misconduct**

376. Notwithstanding the requirement that all allegations of misconduct be fully and fairly investigated, NOPD through PIB may elect to address certain allegations of misconduct through one of the following alternative mechanisms as set forth herein:

**1) Non-Disciplinary Counseling**

In certain limited circumstances, a supervisor may elect to address a minor violation/infraction through non-disciplinary counseling or remedial training. A minor violation/infraction that is eligible for non-disciplinary counseling is a violation of a Department rule, policy, procedure, regulation, or instruction that a supervisor believes requires minimal intervention through retraining and counseling (e.g., tardiness, uniform requirement, forgetting to complete an FIC, cleanliness of vehicle). The behavior must not be the subject of a civilian complaint and must be sufficiently minor that it is correctable by simple counseling and minimal intervention, with the goal of non-repetitive behavior. Repetition of similar violations within a 12-month period (based on the date of the observed violation) may require discipline. When a member repeatedly

(i.e., more than three times within a 12-month period) commits the same minor violation/infraction, the supervisor shall not handle the minor violation/infraction through a non-disciplinary response.

If a supervisor elects to address a minor violation/infraction through non-disciplinary counseling, the supervisor shall document the minor violation/infraction, as well as the specific counseling imposed, and transmit that documentation to PIB within five days of the supervisor becoming aware of the minor violation/infraction. PIB shall review the documentation and shall have authority to require a full investigation into the alleged minor violation/infraction.

NOPD agrees to develop and incorporate into policy specific protocols for employing non-disciplinary counseling in a manner that is consistent with the terms of the Decree.

## **2) Negotiated Settlement**

In certain limited circumstances, NOPD through PIB may elect to address and resolve a rank-initiated violation (i.e., an allegation of misconduct reported by an NOPD supervisor) through a negotiated settlement agreement between the department and the officer. To be eligible for negotiated settlement, a rank-initiated violation must be an infraction or set of infractions that is (1) subject to discipline ranging from reprimand to a maximum of ten days suspension; and (2) listed in the penalty schedule set out in the effective and DOJ- and Monitor- approved NOPD Negotiated Settlement Agreement and Complaint Resolution Procedure (Procedure 1023). Complaints initiated by citizens shall not be eligible for negotiated settlement. PIB shall have sole authority to determine whether a rank-initiated violation is eligible for negotiated settlement. Negotiated Settlement Agreements are not a “right” or “entitlement” even if a rank-initiated violation is eligible. At any point prior to the final approval by the Superintendent, the matter may be handled through the formal investigation process.

NOPD agrees to develop and incorporate into policy specific protocols for employing negotiated settlement agreements in a manner that is consistent with the terms of the Consent Decree.

## **3) Mediation**

In certain limited circumstances, NOPD through PIB may elect to address and resolve an allegation of misconduct brought by a civilian through an OIPM-led mediation program. The goal of the mediation process is to increase the level of trust between NOPD and the community.

PIB shall have sole authority to determine eligibility for mediation. Only certain civilian complaints shall be eligible for mediation, for example: professionalism, discourtesy, and neglect of duty. NOPD shall develop and incorporate into policy specific guidelines for determining eligibility for mediation. Further, a complaint will be ineligible for mediation if the NOPD employee against whom the complaint is made has already had two complaints mediated within the previous twelve months. Once PIB deems a complaint eligible for mediation, OIPM shall have sole authority to determine if resolution of the complaint through the mediation process would be appropriate.

Complaints that are either ineligible, inappropriate, or otherwise not selected for mediation will be returned to PIB for formal disciplinary investigation.

NOPD agrees to develop and incorporate into policy specific protocols for employing mediation in a manner that is consistent with the terms of the Consent Decree.

**C. Preventing Retaliation**

**377.** The City and NOPD agree to expressly prohibit all forms of retaliation, including discouragement, intimidation, coercion, or adverse action, against any person who reports misconduct, makes a misconduct complaint, or cooperates with an investigation of misconduct. Within 270 days of the Effective Date, and annually thereafter, the City, through PIB, shall review NOPD's anti-retaliation policy and its implementation. This review shall consider the alleged incidents of retaliation that occurred or were investigated during the reporting period, the discipline imposed for retaliation, and the supervisors' performance in addressing and preventing retaliation. Following such review, the City shall modify policy and practice as necessary to protect individuals, including other NOPD officers and employees and civilians, from retaliation for reporting misconduct. Retaliation for reporting misconduct or for cooperating with an investigation of misconduct is an egregious offense and shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

**D. Staffing, Selection, and Training Requirements**

**378.** NOPD agrees to continue to have a civilian serve as PIB commander.

**379.** NOPD and the City agree to ensure that a sufficient number of well-trained staff is assigned and available to complete and review thorough and timely misconduct investigations in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. NOPD and the City further shall provide sufficient resources and equipment to ensure that thorough and timely criminal and administrative misconduct investigations are conducted.

**380.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to review the staffing of PIB and ensure that misconduct investigators and commanders possess excellent investigative skills, a reputation for integrity, the ability to write clear reports, and the ability to be fair and objective in determining whether an officer committed misconduct. Officers with a sustained complaint of, or who have been disciplined for, excessive use of force, false arrest, unlawful search or seizure, sexual harassment, discrimination, or dishonesty shall be presumptively ineligible for assignment to PIB.

**381.** Officers promoted to the rank of Lieutenant shall, within a reasonable time frame, serve a rotation in PIB.

**382.** All personnel conducting NOPD officer misconduct investigations, whether assigned to PIB, a District, or elsewhere, shall receive at least 40 hours of initial training in conducting officer misconduct investigations within 365 days of the Effective Date, and shall receive at least eight hours of training each year. This training shall include instruction in:

- a) investigative skills, including proper interrogation and interview techniques; gathering and objectively analyzing evidence; surveillance; and data and case management;
- b) the particular challenges of administrative police misconduct investigations, including identifying alleged misconduct that is not clearly stated in the complaint or that becomes apparent during the investigation; properly weighing credibility of civilian witnesses against officers; using objective evidence to resolve inconsistent statements; and the proper application of the preponderance of the evidence standard;
- c) relevant state, local, and federal law, including state employment law related to officers and the rights of public employees, including but not limited to La. Rev. Stat. 40:2531, "Rights of Law Enforcement Officers While Under Investigation," and local Civil Service Commission requirements, as well as criminal discovery rules such as those set out in *Garrity v. New Jersey*, 385 U.S. 493 (1967), and *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U. S. 83 (1963); and

d) NOPD rules and policies, including the requirements of this Agreement, and protocols related to criminal and administrative investigations of alleged officer misconduct.

**383.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a plan for conducting regular, targeted, and random integrity audit checks, or “sting” audits, to identify and investigate officers engaging in at-risk behavior, including: unlawful stops, searches, and seizures (including false arrests); discriminatory policing; use of excessive force; secondary employment abuse; failure to take a complaint; failure to report misconduct or complaints; or other patterns of misconduct or potentially criminal behavior.

**E. Complaint Information**

**384.** Within 365 days of the Effective Date, the City and NOPD agree to develop and implement a program to ensure broad knowledge throughout the New Orleans community about how to make misconduct complaints, and the availability of effective mechanisms for making misconduct complaints. The requirements below shall be incorporated into this program.

**385.** The City and NOPD agree to make complaint forms and informational materials, including brochures and posters, available at appropriate government properties, including, at a minimum, NOPD headquarters, District stations, NOPD and City websites, City Hall, courthouses within New Orleans, all public libraries, the IPM, the Orleans Public Defenders, and at the offices or gathering places of community groups. Individuals shall be able to submit misconduct complaints through NOPD and City websites and these websites shall include complaint forms and information regarding how to file misconduct complaints.

**386.** NOPD agrees to post and maintain a permanent placard at all police facilities describing the external complaint process. The placards shall include relevant contact information, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, and internet sites. Officers shall provide the officer’s name and badge number upon request. If an individual indicates that he or she would like to make a complaint or requests a complaint form, the officer shall immediately inform his or her supervisor who will respond to the scene to assist the individual in providing appropriate forms and/or other available mechanisms for filing a misconduct complaint.

**387.** Complaint forms and related informational materials shall be made available and posted in Spanish, Vietnamese, and English.



**F. Complaint Intake, Classification, Assignment, and Tracking**

**388.** NOPD agrees to, within 365 days of the Effective Date, revise policy and train all officers and supervisors to ensure that they properly handle complaint intake, including how to properly provide complaint materials and information and the consequences for failing to take complaints.

**389.** The refusal to accept a misconduct complaint, discouraging the filing of a misconduct complaint, or providing false or misleading information about filing a misconduct complaint, shall be grounds for discipline, up to and including termination.

**390.** NOPD agrees to accept all misconduct complaints, including anonymous and third-party complaints, for review and investigation. Complaints may be made in writing or verbally, in person or by mail, telephone (or TDD), facsimile, or electronic mail. Any LEP individual who wishes to file a complaint about an NOPD officer or employee shall be provided with a complaint form in English, Spanish, or Vietnamese, as appropriate, and the appropriate translation services required to file a complaint, and such complaints will be investigated in accordance with this Agreement.

**391.** All officers and employees who receive a misconduct complaint in the field shall immediately inform a supervisor of the misconduct complaint so that the supervisor can ensure proper intake of the complaint. All misconduct complaints received outside of PIB shall be documented and submitted to PIB by the end of the shift in which it was received.

**392.** Upon notification by the City Attorney's Office, the DA, or judges or magistrates, NOPD agrees to ensure that allegations of officer misconduct are identified and investigated as misconduct complaints. The City Attorney's Office agrees to forward copies of all civil suits alleging misconduct by an NOPD officer to PIB.

**393.** NOPD agrees to track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations that an officer has in any way interfered with a civilian's First Amendment right to observe, record, and/or verbally comment on the performance of police duties in an area open to the public, or where the individual has a right to be, such as a person's home or business. Improper interference with this right includes improperly detaining or arresting individuals for interfering with a law enforcement investigation, disorderly conduct, or similar charges.

**394.** NOPD agrees to track, as a separate category of misconduct complaints, allegations of discriminatory policing, along with characteristics of the complainants. NOPD agrees to ensure that complaints of discriminatory policing are captured and tracked appropriately.

**395.** Within 365 days of the Effective date, PIB shall develop and implement a centralized numbering and tracking system for all misconduct complaints. Upon the receipt of a complaint, PIB shall promptly assign a unique numerical identifier to the complaint, which shall be provided to the complainant at the time the complaint is made. Where a misconduct complaint is received in the field, a supervisor shall obtain the unique numerical identifier and provide this identifier to the complainant.

**396.** NOPD's centralized numbering and tracking system shall maintain accurate and reliable data regarding the number, nature, and status of all misconduct complaints, from initial intake to final disposition, including investigation timeliness and notification to the complainant of the interim status and final disposition of the investigation. This system shall be used to determine the status of complaints and to confirm that a complaint was received, as well as for periodic assessment of compliance with NOPD policies and procedures and this Agreement, including requirements on the timeliness of administrative investigations.

**397.** Where a supervisor receives a misconduct complaint in the field alleging that misconduct has just occurred, the supervisor shall gather all relevant information and evidence and provide this information and evidence to PIB. This information includes the names and contact information for all complainants and witnesses, the names of all NOPD officers and employees involved in or witnessing the alleged misconduct, and any available physical evidence, such as voluntarily provided video or audio recordings, or documentation of the existence of such recordings where the witness chooses not to provide the recording. The supervisor shall take photographs of apparent injuries, or the absence thereof, unless the complainant/subject objects or declines.

**398.** Within three business days of the receipt of a misconduct complaint, PIB shall determine whether the complaint will be: assigned to an ICO or supervisor; retained by PIB for investigation or referred to the appropriate outside agency; and whether it will be investigated criminally.

**399.** NOPD agrees to develop and implement a complaint classification protocol that is allegation-based rather than anticipated outcome-based to guide PIB in determining where a

complaint should be assigned. This complaint classification protocol shall ensure that PIB or an authorized outside agency investigates allegations including:

- a) serious misconduct, including but not limited to: criminal misconduct; unreasonable use of force; discriminatory policing; false arrest or planting evidence; untruthfulness/false statements; unlawful search; retaliation; sexual misconduct; domestic violence; and theft;
- b) misconduct implicating the conduct of the supervisory or command leadership of the subject officer; and
- c) subject to the approval by the Deputy Superintendent of PIB, allegations that any commander requests be conducted by PIB rather than the subject officer's District/Division.

**400.** Where NOPD or the City determines that an externally-generated complaint contains no allegations of misconduct, the complaint shall receive a disposition of "exonerated" or "unfounded" and include for tracking purposes an indication that it was a complaint regarding service or otherwise contained no allegations of misconduct. NOPD agrees to cease the use of "No Violation Observed," "NIMS," or similar dispositions of misconduct allegations. NOPD will use the classification "No Formal Investigation Merited" to resolve only the following types of complaints:

- a) complaints disputing traffic citations, except that allegations of misconduct contained in such complaints (e.g., racial profiling, illegal search, excessive force) will be classified and investigated according to its merits;
- b) complaints alleging a delay in police service such as patrol response or detective follow-up, where the preliminary investigation demonstrates that the delay is due to workload. However, if the preliminary investigation discloses that misconduct such as negligence rather than workload caused the delay, the complaint will be classified according to its merits;
- c) complaints regarding off-duty officer conduct of a civil nature, unless the alleged conduct or its effects constitute misconduct or have a substantial nexus to the officer's employment; and
- d) complaints in which the preliminary investigation demonstrates that the subject officer does not work for NOPD or where the identity of the subject officer cannot be determined, despite the best efforts of PIB.

**401.** A misconduct complaint investigation may not be conducted by any officer who used force during the incident; whose conduct led to the injury of a person; who authorized the conduct that led to the reported incident or complaint; or who witnessed or was involved in the incident leading to the allegation of misconduct.

**G. Investigation Timeframe**

**402.** NOPD and the City agree to make good faith efforts to have state law amended to permit a reasonable timeframe for the completion of administrative investigations of officer misconduct so that such investigations can be thorough, reliable, and complete.

**403.** All administrative investigations conducted by PIB shall be completed within the time limitations mandated by state law and within 90 days of the receipt of the complaint, including assignment, investigation, review and final approval, unless granted an extension as provided for under state law or Civil Service exemption, in which case the investigation shall be completed within 120 days. Where an allegation is sustained, NOPD shall have 30 days to determine and impose the appropriate discipline, except in documented extenuating circumstances, in which case discipline shall be imposed within 60 days. All administrative investigations shall be subject to appropriate interruption (tolling period) as necessary to conduct a concurrent criminal investigation or as provided by law.

**H. Collection of Evidence**

**404.** Officer misconduct investigations shall be as thorough as necessary to reach reliable and complete findings. The misconduct complaint investigator shall interview each complainant in person, absent extenuating circumstances, and this interview shall be recorded in its entirety, absent specific, documented objection by the complainant. If the investigator determines the complaint is clearly unfounded or exonerated based on camera footage and no other misconduct is evident, the investigator may submit the recommended disposition for supervisory review and conclude the investigation after supervisory approval. In such an event, the investigator need not conduct additional investigatory requirements.

**405.** All witnesses, including officers witnessing or involved in an incident that becomes the subject of a misconduct complaint, shall provide a written statement regarding the incident or be interviewed as described below.

**406.** Where the alleged misconduct is particularly serious or interviews of the subject officer(s) or other witnesses may be necessary to sufficiently investigate the allegation, the

investigator shall conduct an in-person interview. The interview shall be recorded in its entirety, absent, in the case of non-officer witnesses, specific documented objection.

**407.** Each officer, witness, and complainant shall be interviewed separately. A NOPDAI not involved in the underlying complaint will be used when taking statements or conducting interviews of any Vietnamese or Spanish speaking LEP complainant or witness.

**408.** The misconduct investigator shall seek to identify all persons at the scene giving rise to a misconduct allegation, especially all NOPD officers. The investigator shall note in the investigative report the identities of all officers and other witnesses who were on the scene but assert they did not witness and were not involved in the incident. The investigator shall conduct further investigation of any such assertions that appear unsupported by the evidence.

**409.** All misconduct investigation interview recordings shall be stored and maintained in a secure location within PIB.

**410.** NOPD agrees to require officers to cooperate with administrative investigations, including appearing for an interview when requested by an NOPD or Inspector General investigator and providing all requested documents and evidence. Supervisors shall be notified when an officer under their supervision is summoned as part of an administrative investigation, and shall facilitate the officer's appearance, absent extraordinary and documented circumstances.

**411.** If at any time during complaint intake or investigation the investigator determines that there may have been criminal conduct on the part of any officer or employee, the investigator shall immediately notify the PIB commander. The PIB commander shall immediately notify the Superintendent, the DA and/or USAO, and the Monitor of the initiation of a criminal investigation. The subject officer shall not be compelled to provide a statement to administrative investigators where there is a potential criminal investigation or prosecution of the officer until the remainder of the investigation has been completed, unless after consultation with prosecuting agency (e.g., DA or USAO) and the PIB commander, such compulsion is deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. NOPD and the City agree to consult with the DA to develop and implement protocols to ensure that the criminal and administrative investigations can be conducted in parallel as appropriate and are kept separate after a subject officer has provided a compelled statement.

**412.** Nothing in this Agreement or NOPD policy shall hamper an officer's obligation to provide a public safety statement regarding a work related incident or activity. NOPD agrees to

make clear in policy and training that all officer statements in incident reports, arrest reports, use of force reports, and similar documents, and statements made in interviews such as those conducted in conjunction with NOPD's routine use of force review and investigation process, are part of each officer's routine professional duties.

**I. Analysis of Evidence**

**413.** In each investigation, NOPD shall consider all relevant evidence, including circumstantial, direct, and physical evidence, as appropriate, and make credibility determinations based upon that evidence. There will be no automatic preference for an officer's statement over a non-officer's statement, nor will NOPD disregard a witness' statement merely because the witness has some connection to the complainant or because of any criminal history. NOPD shall make efforts to resolve material inconsistencies between witness statements.

**414.** The resolution of any misconduct complaint must be based upon the preponderance of the evidence. A misconduct investigation shall not be closed simply because the complaint is withdrawn or because the alleged victim is unwilling or unable to provide additional information beyond the initial complaint. In such instances, the investigation shall continue as necessary within the allowable investigation timeframes established under this Agreement to resolve the original allegation(s) where possible based on the evidence and investigatory procedures and techniques available. In each investigation, the fact that a complainant pled guilty or was found guilty of an offense shall not be the deciding factor as to whether an NOPD officer committed the alleged misconduct, nor shall it justify discontinuing the investigation.

**415.** The misconduct investigator shall explicitly identify and recommend one of the following dispositions for each allegation of misconduct in an administrative investigation:

- a) "Unfounded," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did not occur or did not involve the subject officer;
- b) "Sustained," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged misconduct did occur;
- c) "Not Sustained," where the investigation is unable to determine, by a preponderance of the evidence, whether the alleged misconduct occurred; or
- d) "Exonerated," where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate NOPD policies, procedures, or training.

**416.** The PIB commander shall accept the investigator's recommended disposition and the Superintendent shall approve the disposition, unless the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence or additional investigation is necessary to reach a reliable finding. Where the disposition is unsupported by a preponderance of the evidence, the PIB Commander may correct the disposition or order additional investigation, as necessary.

**417.** In addition to determining whether the officer committed the alleged misconduct, administrative investigations shall assess and document whether: (a) the police action was in compliance with training and legal standards; (b) the incident indicates a need for additional training, counseling, or other non-disciplinary corrective measures; and (d) the incident suggests that NOPD should revise its policies, strategies, tactics, or training. This information shall be shared with the relevant commander(s) who shall document the commander's disagreement or agreement with these findings, refer any recommendations to the appropriate individual to implement the recommended change, document the implementation of these recommendations, and return the documentation to PIB.

**J. Integrity of Investigative File and Evidence**

**418.** Division/District-Level investigation reports and all related documentation and evidence shall be provided to PIB immediately upon completion and approval by the appropriate supervisor of the investigation, but no later than three business days.

**419.** All investigation reports and related documentation and evidence shall be securely maintained in a central and accessible location until the officer who was a subject of the complaint has severed employment with NOPD.

**K. Communication with Complainant**

**420.** Each misconduct complainant will be kept informed periodically regarding the status of the investigation. The complainant will be notified of the outcome of the investigation, in writing, within 10 business days of the completion of the investigation, including regarding whether any disciplinary or non-disciplinary action was taken.

**L. Discipline Process and Transparency**

**421.** NOPD agrees to ensure that discipline for sustained allegations of misconduct will be based on the nature of the allegation and defined and consistent mitigating and aggravating factors, rather than the identity of the officer or his or her status within NOPD or the broader

community. NOPD and the City agree to develop and implement procedures to ensure that discipline is fair and consistent.

**422.** NOPD agrees to use a disciplinary matrix that:

- a) establishes a presumptive range of discipline for each type of rule violation;
- b) increases the presumptive discipline based both on an officer's prior violations of the same or other rules;
- c) sets out defined mitigating or aggravating factors;
- d) requires that any departure from the presumptive range of discipline must be justified in writing;
- e) provides that NOPD shall not take only non-disciplinary corrective action in cases in which the disciplinary matrix calls for the imposition of discipline; and
- f) provides that NOPD shall consider whether non-disciplinary corrective action also is appropriate in a case where discipline has been imposed.

**423.** NOPD and the City agree to establish a unified system for reviewing sustained findings and assessing the appropriate level of discipline pursuant to NOPD's disciplinary matrix, in order to facilitate consistency in the imposition of discipline. All disciplinary decisions shall be documented, including the rationale behind any decision to deviate from the level of discipline set out in the disciplinary matrix.

**424.** NOPD and the City agree to develop and establish written policies and procedures to ensure that the City Attorney's Office provides close guidance to NOPD at the disciplinary stage to ensure that NOPD's disciplinary decisions are as fair and legally defensible as possible.

**425.** The City agrees to request the Civil Service Commission to, within 90 days of the Effective Date, post online its full decisions related to NOPD discipline in a timely manner.

**M. Annual Report**

**426.** PIB shall include in its annual report a summary of each misconduct complaint, including a description of the allegation, the final approved disposition, and any discipline imposed. PIB's annual report shall also include aggregate misconduct complaint data showing the number of each type of complaint and the number and rate of sustained cases after final approval, and shall provide an analysis of this data that identifies trends and concerns and documents NOPD's response to the identified trends and concerns. The PIB and IPM should coordinate and confer



with each other in collecting, analyzing, and reporting this data to avoid or minimize duplication of efforts or resources.

### **XVIII. TRANSPARENCY AND OVERSIGHT**

To ensure comprehensive, effective, and transparent oversight of NOPD, NOPD and the City agree to develop, implement, and maintain systems that are meant to be sustained after the completion of this Agreement. To facilitate effective and constitutional policing and increase trust between NOPD and the broader New Orleans community, these oversight systems shall ensure that improper incidents, practices, or trends are identified and corrected in an equitable and timely manner. To achieve these outcomes, NOPD and the City agree to implement the requirements set out below.

#### **A. Data Collection and Public Reporting**

**427.** All NOPD audits and reports related to the implementation of this Agreement shall be publicly available via website and at the Police Department, City Hall, and other public locations, to the fullest extent permissible under law.

**428.** Within 30 days of its implementation, each NOPD policy, procedure, and manual, including those created pursuant to this Agreement, shall be posted online and otherwise made publicly available, unless NOPD documents a reasonable security reason for keeping the policy, procedure, or manual private. Where a portion of a manual may not be suitable for public availability, NOPD agrees to make the remainder of the manual publicly available.

**429.** NOPD shall collect and maintain all data and records necessary to facilitate and ensure transparency and wide public access to information related to NOPD decision making and activities, as permitted by law.

#### **B. United States Attorney Criminal Justice Coordination Group**

**430.** Within 120 days of the Effective Date, NOPD shall develop and implement a system of formal coordination between a command-level NOPD official and the DA, municipal and state court judges, the Orleans Public Defenders, the FBI, the USAO, and the IPM. This criminal justice coordination group shall be convened by the USAO and shall meet quarterly to share regular feedback regarding the quality of NOPD arrests and indicia of misconduct; to refer specific allegations of misconduct for investigation; and to receive an update on the status of previous referrals.

**431.** The NOPD command-level official shall be accountable for documenting feedback and referrals received; ensuring that operational changes based upon this feedback are considered and made as appropriate; ensuring that all allegations of misconduct are investigated; and providing an update each month to the USAO-convened criminal coordination group regarding the status of investigations of previously referred allegations of misconduct, and the status of consideration of operational changes as a result of feedback received from the group.

**C. District Community Outreach Programs and Meetings**

**432.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, NOPD agrees to develop and implement a Community Outreach and Public Information program in each NOPD District.

**433.** The Community Outreach and Public Information program shall include at least one semi-annual open meeting in each of NOPD's eight Districts for the first year of this Agreement, and one meeting in each District annually thereafter. These open meetings shall be led by the Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent and shall inform the public about the requirements of this Agreement; NOPD's progress toward meeting these requirements; and address areas of community concern related to public trust and constitutional policing. At least one week before such meetings, the City shall widely publicize the meetings using earned media opportunities. In determining the locations of the meetings, NOPD shall consider factors such as easy access to public transportation and child care.

**434.** The Community Outreach and Public Information meetings shall include summaries of all pertinent audits and reports completed pursuant to this Agreement and inform the public of any policy changes or other significant actions taken as a result of this Agreement.

**435.** For at least the first two years of this Agreement, every NOPD officer and supervisor assigned to a District shall attend at least two community meetings (e.g., NONPACC and other meetings with residents, and business and religious groups) per year in the geographic area to which the officer is assigned.

**D. Police-Community Advisory Board**

**436.** DOJ acknowledges that NOPD and community representatives have acted jointly to create a PCAB to facilitate regular communication and cooperation between the Department, the City, and community leaders, including youth leaders, such as through the development of a community advisory panel and the collaborative development of policing strategies and priorities.

**437.** NOPD agrees to work collaboratively with PCAB to develop and implement public safety strategies that respect and reflect each community's public safety priorities and concerns about particular police tactics. To the extent specified below, NOPD agrees to seek PCAB's assistance, counsel, and input to build community consensus on potential recommendations in areas including the following:

- a) community policing strategies;
- b) accountability for professional/ethical behavior by individual police officers;
- c) special task forces that meet high priority community need;
- d) central policy changes, where applicable, that improve quality of life;
- e) resource allocations to meet high priority, difficult issues;
- f) strategies for a qualified and diverse workforce;
- g) providing information to the community and conveying feedback from the community to NOPD; and
- h) ways to provide data and information, including information about NOPD's compliance with this Agreement, to the public in a transparent and public-friendly format, to the greatest extent allowable by law.

**438.** NOPD further agrees to participate in quarterly meetings scheduled by PCAB; to allow the meeting agenda to be determined by the PCAB; and to have command/executive level staff representation present at all regularly scheduled meetings.

**E. Community-Based Restorative Justice Project**

**439.** NOPD and the City agree to participate in a community-based restorative justice project. NOPD, the City, and DOJ will work to identify an entity to fund and administer this project. The aim of this project shall be to help remedy mistrust between NOPD and the broader New Orleans community and create an environment for successful problem-solving partnerships.

**F. Office of the Independent Police Monitor**

**440.** This Agreement in no way diminishes the authority and oversight provided by the IPM pursuant to city ordinance and the related Memorandum of Understanding between the IPM and NOPD.

**441.** NOPD and the City agree to provide the IPM ready and timely access to the information necessary to fulfill its duties. The IPM shall have all access to confidential information,

including all protections and authority of state law, as does New Orleans' Office of Inspector General.

**442.** NOPD and the City agree to abide by the November 10, 2010, Memorandum of Understanding between the NOPD and the IPM. This MOU is hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

**443.** In determining the timing and content of its reviews and audits, the IPM may coordinate with the Monitor and NOPD to minimize duplication of effort, recognizing that overlapping or redundant audits may be necessary on occasion to assess the quality and reliability of various internal and external oversight mechanisms.

**XIX. AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**A. Role of the Monitor**

**444.** The Monitor shall assess and report whether the requirements of this Agreement have been implemented, and whether this implementation is resulting in the constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by NOPD.

**445.** The Monitor shall be subject to the supervision and orders of the Court, consistent with this Agreement. The Monitor shall only have the duties, responsibilities, and authority conferred by this Agreement. The Monitor shall not, and is not intended to, replace or assume the role and duties of the City and NOPD, including the Superintendent.

**446.** In order to assess and report on the Defendant's implementation of this Agreement and whether implementation is resulting in the constitutional and professional treatment of individuals by NOPD, the Monitor shall conduct the reviews, audits, and assessments specified below, and such additional audits, reviews, and assessments as the Monitor or the Parties jointly deem necessary to determine whether this Agreement has been implemented as required.

**B. Compliance Reviews and Audits**

**447.** The Monitor shall conduct compliance reviews or audits as necessary to determine whether the City and NOPD have implemented and continue to comply with the material requirements of this Agreement. Compliance with a material requirement of this Agreement requires that the City and NOPD have: (a) incorporated the requirement into policy; (b) trained all relevant personnel as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities pursuant to the requirement; and (c) ensured that the requirement is being carried out in actual practice. Compliance reviews and audits shall contain the elements necessary for reliability and comprehensiveness.

Compliance reviews and audits may be conducted using sampling and compilation data as consistent with reliability and comprehensiveness. Outcome Assessments in Section XIX.C. may not require a review of all NOPD data on a specific statistic or category.

**C. Outcome Assessments**

**448.** In addition to compliance reviews and audits, the Monitor shall conduct assessments to measure whether implementation of this Agreement is resulting in constitutional policing. These outcome assessments shall include collection and analysis of the following outcome data:

a) Use of force measurements, including:

- (1) Rate of force used per arrest by NOPD overall and by force type, geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity;
- (2) Canine bite ratio;
- (3) Rate of force complaints that are sustained and rate that are not sustained, overall and by force type; geographic area (i.e., zone), source of complaint (internal or external), type of arrest, age, race, gender and ethnicity;
- (4) Uses of force that were found to violate policy, overall and by force type, geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender and ethnicity;
- (5) Number and rate of Use of Force administrative investigations/reviews in which each finding is supported by a preponderance of the evidence; and
- (6) Number of officers who frequently or repeatedly use force, or have more than one instance of force found to violate policy.

b) Stop, Search, and Arrest measurements, including:

- (1) Number and rate of arrests for which there is documented reasonable suspicion for the stop and probable cause for the arrest, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity;
- (2) The DA's acceptance and refusal rates of arrests made by NOPD and reasons for refusals, when made available by the DA, including those factors and information indicating that a failure to prosecute was due to the quality of officer arrests or concerns regarding officer conduct, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e., zone), type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity; and

(3) Number and rate of searches that result in a finding of contraband, overall and broken down by geographic area (i.e., zone) type of arrest, age, race, gender, and ethnicity.

c) Bias-Free Policing and Community Engagement measurements, including:

- (1) Number and variety of community partnerships, including particular partnerships with youth;
- (2) Homicide clearance rate;
- (3) Comparative response time between LEP and non-LEP individuals seeking assistance from NOPD, and change in response time to LEP individuals.;
- (4) Accurate classification of reports of sexual assault and domestic violence; and
- (5) Clearance rate of sexual assault and domestic violence cases, overall and broken down by whether the case was cleared by arrest or by exception, including accuracy of clearance type.

d) Recruitment and Training measurements, including:

- (1) Number of highly-qualified recruit candidates;
- (2) Officer and agency reports of adequacy of training in type and frequency; and
- (3) Role of insufficient training reflected in problematic incidents or by performance trends.

e) Officer Assistance and Support measurements, including:

- (1) Availability and use of officer assistance and support services; and
- (2) Officer reports of adequacy of officer assistance and support.

f) Performance Evaluation and Promotion measurements, including:

- (1) Promotions of qualified candidates with a history of ethical decision-making; and
- (2) Uses of force found to be unreasonable, misconduct complaints sustained and not sustained, and other performance-related indicators for supervisors/commanders promoted pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement, and for the units these supervisors/commanders command.

g) Supervision measurements, including:

(1) Initial identification of officer violations and performance problems by supervisors, and effective response by supervisors to identified problems.

h) Secondary Employment measurements, including:

(1) Policy and legal violations related to secondary employment.

i) Accountability measurements, including:

(1) Number of misconduct complaints, and whether any increase or decrease appears related to access to the complaint process;

(2) Rate of sustained, not sustained, exonerated, and unfounded misconduct complaints;

(3) Number and rate of misconduct complaint allegations supported by a preponderance of the evidence;

(4) Number of officers who are subjects of repeated misconduct complaints, or have repeated instances of sustained misconduct complaints;

(5) Arrests/summons of officers for on or off-duty conduct;

(6) Criminal prosecutions of officers for on or off-duty conduct; and

(7) Number and nature of civil suits against NOPD officers and amount of judgments or settlements against the City or NOPD for civil suits filed against NOPD officers for work-related conduct.

**449.** In conducting these outcome assessments the Monitor may use any relevant data collected and maintained by NOPD (e.g., crime trend pattern analysis), the Office of the Inspector General, or the IPM, provided that it has determined, and the Parties agree, that this data is reasonably reliable and complete.

**D. Monitoring Plan and Review Methodology**

**450.** Within 90 days of assuming duties as Monitor, the Monitor shall develop a plan for conducting the above outcome assessments and compliance reviews and audits, and shall submit this plan to the Parties for review and approval. This plan shall:

a) clearly delineate the requirements of the Agreement to be assessed for compliance, indicating which requirements will be assessed together;

b) set out a schedule for conducting outcome measure assessments for each outcome measure at least annually, except where otherwise noted, with the first assessment occurring within 365 days of the Effective Date;

c) set out a schedule for conducting a compliance review or audit of each requirement of this Agreement within the first two years of the Agreement, and a compliance review or audit of each requirement at least annually thereafter.

**451.** Within 120 days of assuming duties as Monitor, the Monitor shall review and recommend any changes to the Outcome Assessment measurements set out in section XIX.C, above, that the Monitor deems useful in assessing whether implementation of the Agreement is resulting in constitutional policing. The Parties shall adopt any recommendations upon which they agree. If the Parties disagree whether to adopt a particular outcome measurement, the Party seeking adoption may seek Court resolution.

**452.** Where the Monitor recommends and the Parties agree, the Monitor may refrain from conducting a compliance audit or review of a requirement previously found to be in compliance by the Monitor pursuant to audit or review, or where outcome assessments indicate that the outcome intended by the requirement has been achieved.

**453.** At least 90 days prior to the initiation of any outcome measure assessment or compliance review or audit, the Monitor shall submit a proposed methodology for the assessment, review, or audit to the Parties. The Parties shall submit any comments or concerns regarding the proposed methodology to the Monitor within 45 days of the proposed date of the assessment, review, or audit. The Monitor shall modify the methodology as necessary to address any concerns or shall inform the Parties in writing of the reasons it is not modifying its methodology as proposed.

**E. Review of Use of Force and Misconduct Investigations**

**454.** City and NOPD shall provide each investigation of a serious use of force or use of force that is the subject of a misconduct investigation, and each investigation report of a serious misconduct complaint investigation (i.e., criminal misconduct; unreasonable use of force; discriminatory policing; false arrest or planting evidence; untruthfulness/false statements; unlawful search; retaliation; sexual misconduct; domestic violence; and theft), to the Monitor before closing the investigation or communicating the recommended disposition to the subject of the investigation or review. The Monitor shall review each serious use of force investigation and each serious misconduct complaint investigation and recommend for further investigation any use of force or misconduct complaint investigations that the Monitor determines to be incomplete or for which the findings are not supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Monitor shall provide written instructions for completing any investigation determined to be



incomplete or inadequately supported by the evidence. The Superintendent shall determine whether the additional investigation or modification recommended by the Monitor should be carried out. Where the Superintendent determines not to order the recommended additional investigation or modification, the Superintendent will set out the reasons for this determination in writing. The Monitor shall provide recommendations so that any further investigation or modification can be concluded within the timeframes mandated by state law. The Monitor shall coordinate with the IPM in conducting these use of force and misconduct investigation reviews.

**F. Monitor Recommendations and Technical Assistance**

**455.** The Monitor may make recommendations to the Parties regarding measures necessary to ensure timely, full, and effective implementation of this Agreement and its underlying objectives. Such recommendations may include a recommendation to change, modify, or amend a provision of the Agreement; a recommendation for additional training in any area related to this Agreement; or a recommendation to seek technical assistance. In addition to such recommendations, the Monitor may also, at the request of DOJ or the City and based on the Monitor's reviews, provide technical assistance consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement.

**G. Comprehensive Re-Assessment**

**456.** Two years after the Effective Date, the Monitor shall conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine whether and to what extent the outcomes intended by this Agreement have been achieved, and any modifications to the Agreement that are necessary for continued achievement in light of changed circumstances or unanticipated impact (or lack of impact) of the requirement. This assessment also shall address areas of greatest achievement and the requirements that appear to have contributed to this success, as well as areas of greatest concern, including strategies for accelerating full and effective compliance. Based upon this comprehensive assessment, the Monitor shall recommend modifications to the Agreement that are necessary to achieve and sustain intended outcomes. Where the Parties agree with the Monitor's recommendations, the Parties shall stipulate to modify the Agreement accordingly, and shall submit such stipulation to the Court for approval. This provision in no way diminishes the Parties' ability to stipulate to modifications to this Agreement as set out in section XIX.P, below. Nothing in this assessment shall empower the Monitor to unilaterally modify the terms of this Agreement.

**H. Monitor Reports**

**457.** The Monitor shall file with the Court quarterly written, public reports covering the reporting period that shall include:

- a) a description of the work conducted by the Monitor during the reporting period;
- b) a listing of each Agreement requirement indicating which requirements have been: (1) incorporated into implemented policy; (2) the subject of sufficient training for all relevant NOPD officers and employees; (3) reviewed or audited by the Monitor in determining whether they have been fully implemented in actual practice, including the date of the review or audit; and (4) found by the Monitor to have been fully implemented in practice;
- c) the methodology and specific findings for each audit or review conducted, redacted as necessary for privacy concerns. An unredacted version shall be filed under seal with the Court and provided to the Parties. The underlying data for each audit or review shall not be publicly available but shall be retained by the Monitor and provided to either or both Parties upon request;
- d) for any requirements that were reviewed or audited and found not to have been fully implemented in practice, the Monitor's recommendations regarding necessary steps to achieve compliance;
- e) the methodology and specific findings for each outcome assessment conducted; and
- f) a projection of the work to be completed during the upcoming reporting period and any anticipated challenges or concerns related to implementation of the Agreement.

**458.** The Monitor shall provide a copy of quarterly reports to the Parties in draft form at least 10 business days prior to Court filing and public release of the reports to allow the Parties to informally comment on the reports. The Monitor shall consider the Parties' responses and make appropriate changes, if any, before issuing the report.

**I. Coordination with IPM**

**459.** In conducting its assessments, reviews, and audits, and in developing its monitoring plan and review methodologies, the Monitor shall coordinate and confer with the IPM to avoid duplication of effort and expenses.

**J. Communication Between Monitor, Parties, and Public**

**460.** The Monitor shall maintain regular contact with the Parties in order to ensure effective and timely communication regarding the status of the implementation of and compliance with

this Agreement. To facilitate this communication, the Monitor shall conduct monthly meetings that shall include participation by the Superintendent, representatives of the City Attorney's Office, and DOJ.

**461.** The Monitor shall meet with community stakeholders to explain the Monitor's reports, to inform the public about the Agreement implementation process, and to hear community perspectives of police interactions.

**K. Public Statements, Testimony, Records, and Conflicts of Interest**

**462.** Except as required or authorized by the terms of this Agreement or the Parties acting together, the Monitor, including any agent, employee, or independent contractor thereof, shall not make any public statements or issue findings with regard to any act or omission of the City or its agents, representatives, or employees; or disclose non-public information provided to the Monitor pursuant to the Agreement. Any press statement made by the Monitor regarding its employment or monitoring activities under this Agreement shall first be approved by DOJ and the City.

**463.** The Monitor may testify as to its observations, findings, and recommendations before the Court with jurisdiction over this matter, but shall not testify in any other litigation or proceeding with regard to any act or omission of the City or any of its agents, representatives, or employees related to this Agreement or regarding any matter or subject that the Monitor may have received knowledge of as a result of its performance under this Agreement. This paragraph does not apply to any proceeding before a court related to performance of contracts or subcontracts for monitoring this Agreement.

**464.** Unless such conflict is waived by the Parties, the Monitor shall not accept employment or provide consulting services that would present a conflict of interest with the Monitor's responsibilities under this Agreement, including being retained (on a paid or unpaid basis) by any current or future litigant or claimant, or such litigant's or claimant's attorney, in connection with a claim or suit against the City or its departments, officers, agents, or employees.

**465.** The Monitor is not a state or local agency, or an agent thereof, and accordingly the records maintained by the Monitor shall not be deemed public records subject to public inspection.

**466.** The Monitor shall not be liable for any claim, lawsuit, or demand arising out of the Monitor's performance pursuant to this Agreement brought by non-parties to this Agreement.

**L. NOPD Consent Decree Implementation Unit**

**467.** The City and NOPD agree to hire and retain, or reassign current NOPD employees to form, an inter-disciplinary unit with the skills and abilities necessary to facilitate implementation of this Agreement. This unit will serve as a liaison between the Parties and the Monitor and will assist with the implementation of and compliance with this Agreement. At a minimum, this unit will: coordinate the City and NOPD's compliance and implementation activities; facilitate the provision of data, documents, materials, and access to the City and NOPD personnel to the Monitor and DOJ, as needed; ensure that all data, documents, and records are maintained as provided in this Agreement; and assist in assigning implementation and compliance related tasks to NOPD personnel, as directed by the Superintendent or his designee.

**M. Implementation Assessment and Report**

**468.** NOPD and the City agree to collect and maintain all data and records necessary to: (1) document implementation of and compliance with this Agreement, including data and records necessary for the Monitor to conduct reliable outcome assessments, compliance reviews, and audits; and (2) allow NOPD or other City entities to perform ongoing quality assurance in each of the areas addressed by this Agreement.

**469.** Within 180 days of the Effective Date, the City agrees to file with the Court, with a copy to the Monitor and DOJ, a status report. This report shall delineate the steps taken by NOPD during the reporting period to implement this Agreement; the City's assessment of the status of its progress; plans to correct any problems; and response to any concerns raised in the Monitor's previous quarterly report. Following this initial status report, the City agrees to file a status report every six months thereafter while this Agreement is in effect.

**N. Access and Confidentiality**

**470.** To facilitate its work, the Monitor may conduct on-site visits and assessments without prior notice to the City and NOPD. The Monitor shall have access to all necessary individuals, facilities, and documents, which shall include access to Agreement related trainings, meetings, and reviews, such as critical incident reviews, use of force review boards, and disciplinary hearings. NOPD shall notify the Monitor as soon as practicable, and in any case within 12 hours, of any critical firearms discharge, in-custody death, or arrest of any officer.

**471.** The City and NOPD agree to ensure that the Monitor shall have timely, full and direct access to all City and NOPD staff, employees, critical incident crime scenes, and facilities that

the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. The Monitor shall cooperate with the City and NOPD to access people and facilities in a reasonable manner that, consistent with the Monitor's responsibilities, minimizes interference with daily operations.

**472.** City and NOPD shall ensure that the Monitor has full and direct access to all City and NOPD documents and data that the Monitor reasonably deems necessary to carry out the duties assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement, except any documents or data protected by the attorney-client privilege. The attorney-client privilege may not be used to prevent the Monitor from observing reviews and trainings such as use of force review boards, or disciplinary hearings. Should the City and NOPD decline to provide the Monitor access to documents or data based on privilege, the City and NOPD shall inform the Monitor and DOJ that they are withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide the Monitor and DOJ with a log describing the documents or data and the basis of the privilege for withholding.

**473.** For the purpose of implementing this Agreement, DOJ and its consultants and agents shall have full and direct access to all City and NOPD staff, employees, facilities, documents, and data. DOJ and its consultants and agents shall cooperate with the City and NOPD to access involved personnel, facilities, and documents in a reasonable manner that, consistent with DOJ's responsibilities to enforce this Agreement, minimizes interference with daily operations. Should the City and NOPD decline to provide DOJ with access to documents or data based on privilege, the City and NOPD shall inform DOJ that they are withholding documents or data on this basis and shall provide DOJ with a log describing the documents or data and the basis of the privilege for withholding.

**474.** The Monitor and DOJ shall provide the City and NOPD with reasonable notice of a request for copies of documents. Upon such request, the City and NOPD shall provide in a timely manner copies (electronic, where readily available) of the requested documents to the Monitor and DOJ.

**475.** The Monitor shall have access to all records and information relating to criminal investigations of NOPD officers as permissible by law. The Monitor shall have access to all documents in criminal investigation files that have been closed by NOPD after the Effective Date. The Monitor also shall have reasonable access to all arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications initiated after the Effective Date whether or not contained in open criminal

investigation files. Where practicable, arrest reports, warrants, and warrant applications initiated after the Effective Date shall be obtained from sources other than open criminal investigation files.

**476.** The Monitor and DOJ shall maintain all non-public information provided by the City and NOPD in a confidential manner. Other than as expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any privilege or right the City and NOPD may assert, including those recognized at common law or created by statute, rule or regulation, against any other person or entity with respect to the disclosure of any document.

**O. Selection and Compensation of the Monitor**

**477.** Within 90 days of the Effective Date, or additional time if agreed to by both Parties, the City and DOJ shall together select a Monitor, acceptable to both, which shall assess and report on NOPD's implementation of this Agreement. This process shall be implemented in a manner consistent with this Agreement, including the requirement that the Monitor be jointly selected and acceptable to both DOJ and the City. The Parties' Monitor selection shall be subject to the approval of the Federal Court with jurisdiction over this Agreement. The Monitor's team shall consist of individuals of the highest ethics.

**478.** If the Parties are unable to agree on a Monitor or an alternative method of selection within the timeframe agreed to by both parties as of the Effective Date, then the Court shall resolve the disagreement.

**479.** The Monitor shall be appointed for a period of four years from the Effective Date and the appointment shall be extended automatically should the City and NOPD not demonstrate full and effective compliance at the end of this four-year period. The extension of the Monitor beyond six years shall be allowed only if the Court determines that it is reasonably necessary in order to assess and facilitate full and effective compliance with this Agreement.

**480.** The City shall bear all reasonable fees and costs of the Monitor. DOJ and the City recognize the importance of ensuring that the fees and costs borne by the City are reasonable, and accordingly fees and costs shall be one factor considered in selecting the Monitor. In the event that any dispute arises regarding the reasonableness or payment of the Monitor's fees and costs, the City, DOJ, and the Monitor shall attempt to resolve such dispute cooperatively prior to seeking the assistance of the Court to resolve such dispute.

**481.** The City shall provide the Monitor with permanent office space and reasonable office support such as office furniture, telephones, access to internet, secure document storage, and photocopying.

**482.** The Monitor, at any time after its initial selection, may request to be allowed to hire or employ or contract with such additional persons or entities as are reasonably necessary to perform the tasks assigned to the Monitor by this Agreement. Any person or entity hired or otherwise retained by the Monitor to assist in furthering any provision of this Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The Monitor shall notify the City and DOJ in writing if the Monitor wishes to select such additional persons or entities. The notice shall identify and describe the qualifications of the person or entity to be hired or employed and the monitoring task to be performed. If the City and DOJ agree to the Monitor's proposal, the Monitor shall be authorized to hire or employ such additional persons or entities. The City or DOJ have 10 business days to disagree with the proposal. If the City and DOJ are unable to reach agreement within 10 business days of receiving notice of the disagreement, the Court shall resolve the dispute.

**483.** In the event that full and effective implementation of this Agreement requires technical assistance beyond the scope of the Monitor's duties, DOJ, NOPD, and/or the Monitor shall inform the City of the need for technical assistance and its relation to implementation of the Agreement. The Monitor, with assistance from the City, shall arrange for the prompt initiation of the required technical assistance, to be performed by the Monitor or its agent or independent contractor; the IPM; or a separate entity. The City shall set aside \$100,000.00 for this purpose, and shall allocate additional funds as necessary. If either Party disagrees with the need for the technical assistance requested, the Party shall, within 15 days of being informed in writing of the requested technical assistance, inform the Court, which shall resolve the dispute.

**484.** Should either of the Parties to this Agreement determine that the Monitor's individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors have exceeded their authority or failed to satisfactorily perform the duties required by this Agreement, the Party may petition the Court for such relief as the Court deems appropriate, including replacement of the Monitor, and/or any individual members, agents, employees, or independent contractors.

**P. Court Jurisdiction, Modification of the Agreement, and Enforcement**

**485.** This Agreement shall become effective upon entry by the Court.

**486.** To ensure that the requirements of this Agreement are properly and timely implemented, the Court shall retain jurisdiction of this action for all purposes until such time as the City has achieved full and effective compliance with this Agreement and maintained such compliance for no less than two years. At all times, the City and NOPD shall bear the burden of demonstrating full and effective compliance with this Agreement. DOJ acknowledges the good faith of the City in trying to address measures that are needed to promote police integrity and ensure constitutional policing in New Orleans. DOJ, however, reserves its right to seek enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement if it determines that the City has failed to fully comply with any provision of this Agreement. DOJ agrees to consult with officials from the City before instituting enforcement proceedings.

**487.** The City and DOJ may jointly stipulate to make changes, modifications, and amendments to this Agreement, which shall be submitted to the Court for approval. Such changes, modifications, and amendments to this Agreement shall be encouraged when the Parties agree, or where the reviews, assessments, and/or audits of the Monitor demonstrate, that the Agreement provision as drafted is not furthering the purpose of the Agreement, or that there is a preferable alternative that will achieve the same purpose. Where the Parties or the Monitor are uncertain whether a change to the Agreement is advisable, the Parties may agree to suspend the current Agreement requirement for a time period agreed upon at the outset of the suspension. During this suspension, the Parties may agree to temporarily implement an alternative requirement. The Monitor shall assess whether the suspension of the requirement and the implementation of any alternative provision is as, or more, effective at achieving the purpose as was the original/current Agreement requirement, and the Parties shall consider this assessment in determining whether to jointly stipulate to make the suggested change, modification, or amendment.

**488.** The Parties agree to defend the provisions of this Agreement. The Parties shall notify each other of any court or administrative challenge to this Agreement. In the event any provision of this Agreement is challenged in any City court, removal to a federal court shall be sought by the Parties.

**489.** The City and NOPD agree to promptly notify DOJ if any term of this Agreement becomes subject to collective bargaining consultation and to consult with DOJ in a timely manner regarding the position the City and NOPD take in any collective bargaining consultation connected with this Agreement.



**490.** The City and NOPD agree to require compliance with this Agreement by their respective officers, employees, agencies, assigns, or successors.

**Q. Termination of the Agreement**

**491.** The City and NOPD will endeavor to reach full and effective compliance with this Agreement within four years of its Effective Date. The Parties may agree to jointly ask the Court to terminate this Agreement after this date, provided that the City and NOPD have been in full and effective compliance with this Agreement for two years. “Full and Effective Compliance” shall be defined to require sustained compliance with all material requirements of this Agreement or sustained and continuing improvement in constitutional policing, as demonstrated pursuant to the Agreement’s outcome measures.

**492.** If after six years from the Effective Date, the Parties disagree whether the City has been in full and effective compliance for two years, either Party may seek to terminate this Agreement. In the case of termination sought by the City, prior to filing a motion to terminate, the City agrees to notify DOJ in writing when the City has determined that it is in full and effective compliance with this Agreement and that such compliance has been maintained for no less than two years. Thereafter, the Parties shall promptly confer as to the status of compliance. If, after a reasonable period of consultation and the completion of any audit or evaluation that DOJ and/or the Monitor may wish to undertake, including on-site observations, document review, or interviews with the City and NOPD’s personnel, the Parties cannot resolve any compliance issues, the City may file a motion to terminate this Agreement. If the City moves for termination of this Agreement, DOJ will have 60 days after the receipt of the City’s motion to object to the motion. If DOJ does not object, the Court may grant the City’s motion. If DOJ does make an objection, the Court shall hold a hearing on the motion and the burden shall be on the City to demonstrate that it is in full and effective compliance with this Agreement and has maintained such compliance for at least two years.