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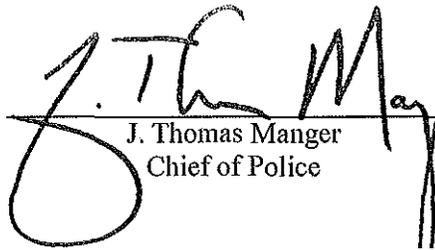
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Subject: Changes to FC 131-Use of Force

Due to changes in law and further review of operational needs, the following changes to FC 131, Use of Force, take effect immediately;

V. Electronic Control Devices B. Appropriate Use of the ECD 3: *The ECD may be used in probe mode to incapacitate a subject who is fleeing only when the officer has probable cause to believe the subject is involved in criminal activity. However, fleeing should not be the sole justification for using cm ECD against a subject. Personnel should consider the severity of the offense, the subject's threat level to themselves or others, and the risk of serious injury to the subject before deciding to use on a fleeing subject. Pursuant to Reid v. State, 428 Md. 290 (2012)*

VIII. Use of Force Reporting Requirements G. Supervisors Responsibilities: *An ECC supervisor will immediately notify an on-duty patrol supervisor of, and the on-duty supervisor will respond to, all ECD deployments, firearm discharges (Except for the humane destruction of non-domestic animals), 12 gauge impact projectiles, and any use of force that results in serious bodily injury or in-custody death. Supervisors {Ire required to notify the Duty Commander, or the District Commander of the district of occurrence during daytime hours Monday-Friday, of any of the above incidents.*


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