



City of Arts & Innovation

Commission on Disabilities Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM THE RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT ABOUT
INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENT AND TACTICS TRAINING
FOR DEFUSING CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department about Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics training for defusing critical incidents.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Disabilities receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department about Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics training for defusing critical incidents.

DISCUSSION:

In recent years, the law enforcement community has been studying developments regarding police use of force, particularly with respect to officer safety and the safety of the people they encounter, and the impact these issues have on police-community relationships.

There is a growing realization among leaders of the policing profession and members of the public that in many communities, police use of force has become a critical issue that is setting back community-police relations and may even be impacting public and officer safety. It was clear that additional research and new ways of thinking about police use of force were needed, and the law enforcement community has stepped forward to fill that need.

A critical need for training on certain types of encounters was identified, such as a person behaving erratically, often the result of mental illness, post-traumatic stress disorder, intellectual or developmental disabilities, or conditions such as autism that limit the person's ability to understand or respond rationally to a police officer's orders. Integrating the Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) training model fills this gap in law enforcement training in the key areas of decision-making, crisis recognition and response, tactical communications and negotiations, and operational safety tactics.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Presentation