

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-11-247 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Debbie O'Malley, Ken Sanchez, and Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO RETAIN AN EXPERT TO MAKE  
3 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TRAINING PROCEDURES AND  
4 TRAINING POLICIES UTILIZED BY THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE  
5 DEPARTMENT RELATED TO THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE; CALLING FOR A  
6 PUBLIC DIALOGUE. DIRECTING CITY COUNCIL STAFF TO REQUEST A  
7 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION INTO WHETHER THERE HAVE  
8 BEEN INCIDENTS OR PATTERNS OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE  
9 ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

10 WHEREAS, concerns have been raised as to whether Albuquerque Police  
11 Officers are receiving appropriate training related to the use of deadly force;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, those individuals within the City who are familiar with current  
14 training practices are the police officers who receive such training, the  
15 trainers who provide such training and the Administration that is responsible  
16 both for adopting the standards that govern training on the use of deadly force  
17 and who have the ultimate oversight of such training; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the best way to evaluate current  
19 training and to make recommendations for changes to such training, if  
20 needed, would be through an independent expert working cooperatively with  
21 police officers and the Administration; and

22 WHEREAS, such an evaluation will only be productive if conducted in a  
23 constructive atmosphere of recommending how training should be conducted  
24 in the future and not investigating fault in either the trainers themselves or the  
25 Administration that oversees such training; and

[Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New  
[Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion

1 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the evaluation, the City should provide  
2 public forums to allow for public dialogue to increase awareness and  
3 understanding of the procedures and recommendations.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

6 Section 1. The Administration is directed to retain an expert, qualified in the  
7 area of training with respect to the use of deadly force. That such expert shall  
8 be retained only after consultation with the Albuquerque Police Officers  
9 Association and the Police Oversight Commission regarding such selection  
10 and subject to approval of such selection by the Albuquerque City Council.

11 Section 2. The expert shall be retained to create a written report with  
12 recommendations regarding appropriate training with respect to the use of  
13 deadly force based on “best practices” after a nationwide review.

14 Section 3. The expert shall be retained to create a written report with  
15 recommendations regarding improvements to policies and procedures,  
16 including Standard Operating Procedures, with respect to training in the use  
17 of deadly force based on “best practices” after a nationwide review.

18 Section 4. The goal of the two reports shall not be to criticize existing  
19 training practices but to ensure that the Albuquerque Police Department  
20 provides training in the use of deadly force that is consistent with the best  
21 practices being used throughout the nation.

22 Section 5. The written reports shall be provided to the Administration, the  
23 City Council and shall be made available to the public.

24 Section 6. The City should provide at least one public forum regarding the  
25 recommendations of the evaluation.

26 Section 7. City Council staff is directed to prepare a request to the United  
27 States Department of Justice requesting a comprehensive investigation into  
28 whether there have been incidents or patterns of civil rights violations by the  
29 Albuquerque Police Department.

30

31

32

33 X:\SHARE\Legislation\Nineteen\R-247final.doc