

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2026

To: BART Police Civilian Review Board (BPCRB)

From: Kevin Franklin, Chief of Police *KF CI*

Subject: Response to BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee Memo Regarding Review and Changes to Policy 300: Use of Force

I recently discovered a memo dated April 14, 2025, which was not transmitted to me but contained recommendations from the BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee as voted on by the full BPCRB membership present at the meetings on February 10, 2025, and April 14, 2025. I appreciate the three suggestions which were recommended for consideration by the Department and your continued willingness to collaborate with me during the review of the BART Police Department policies.

The agenda item for the Chief of Police Monthly Reports for the April 14, 2025, BPCRB meeting also included a presentation by Deputy Chief Love about the Department's draft revisions to Policy 300 (renamed to De-Escalation and Force) and Policy 302 (Use of Force Review). These revisions to policies 300/302 were the result of a multi-year collaborative process with the California Department of Justice, engagement at the BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee meetings, input from labor groups, and the hard work of the BPD Executive Team. While the revisions to the use of force-related policies presented by the Department at the April 14, 2025, meeting incorporated language that was slightly different than what was suggested by the BPCRB Use of Force Standing Committee, I believe that the draft policy language did reflect the valuable feedback from all stakeholders, including the BPCRB. I was also glad to hear positive feedback from the BPCRB members who were present in support of our draft policy language. Based on the feedback from all stakeholders, I have implemented the policy language as presented by the Department on April 14, 2025.

Thank you for your ongoing input and assistance in ensuring our policies remain current and effective. I believe the recent collaboration with the BPCRB has established a robust process for sharing information and listening to your valuable feedback. I would be glad to discuss any future policy recommendations in the context of the current policy language that was adopted.