



January 13, 2020

Dear Community Partner:

The administrative investigation of the arrest causing the death of David Ward is still being conducted by the Sheriff's Office. This questionnaire is intended to organize and collect the opinions of all interested parties – whether you have expertise in this subject matter or are a concerned resident.

The questions range from asking about feelings and thoughts, to specific ideas for policy changes. Feel free to answer every question or to skip those questions where you may not feel sufficiently informed. No judgment is intended by the questions and some information contained herein may be educational. Again, the purpose is to provide insight for IOLERO and to the SCSO about community concerns. IOLERO will organize this information and provide it to the Sheriff's Office. It is expected that the presentation of these concerns will help inform decision makers to better enable the SCSO to operate in a manner that reflects the values of our community.

If you run out of space, extra space is provided at the end of the questionnaire to continue your answers.

If you are reviewing this survey at the IOLERO town hall meeting of January 13, you may complete your individual survey and submit it at the town hall. You will have an opportunity at the town hall to discuss your concerns and viewpoints with the entire meeting. Alternatively, you may wait and submit the questionnaire after the fact (or even electronically as it will be distributed as an email). Copies of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office's (SCSO) Use-of-Force Policy will be available at the town hall.

If you do not submit your questionnaire at the town hall meeting, please submit your completed survey by Monday, February 3, 2020, so that your concerns can be included in a summary of findings. You may send your completed questionnaire to IOLERO at: Law.Enforcement.Auditor@sonoma-county.org The summary of findings will be distributed to the public and the SCSO. A link to the SCSO's Use-of-Force Policy will be included in the email.

The questionnaire may be submitted anonymously or you may add your name to the top of this document.



Use of Force Questionnaire

General Information

1. What is your general opinion about the use-of-force by law enforcement officers? _____

2. Do you have an opinion about the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office's (SCSO) use of physical force or do you believe the use-of-force is specific to individual deputies?

Do you believe the Department as a whole generally uses physical force (please circle):

TOO LITTLE A REASONABLE AMOUNT TOO MUCH CASE BY CASE

On what information do you base your opinion? For example: Newspaper? Television? Social media? Word of mouth? Personal experience? Please explain. _____

3. Do you have an opinion about the rate that the SCSO uses physical force as compared to other law enforcement agencies? In comparison to other police agencies, do you believe the SCSO uses force: Please explain.

MORE THAN ABOUT THE SAME LESS THAN NO OPINION



On what information do you base your opinion? For example: Newspaper? Television? Social media? Word of mouth? Personal experience? _____

4. Have you or any of your friends, family or acquaintances ever served as member of a law enforcement agency? Please describe. If so, do you believe this experience/relationship affects your opinions about law enforcement and its practices? _____

5. Have you or any of your friends, family or acquaintances ever been arrested and/or mistreated by a law enforcement officer? Please describe. If so, do you believe this experience/relationship affects your opinions about law enforcement and its practices? _____

6. Have you read the SCSO's use-of-force policy? The policy is available here (by link or a paper copy) and you are invited to read it now or later. If you have read it, please share your thoughts about it in the space provided below. _____

7. Are you aware that a law enforcement agencies' use-of-force policy must comply with the law as it is interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and California Courts? Does this information affect your opinion of what the policy should look like? Why or why not? _____



The incident resulting in the death of David Ward

8. Have you watched the Body Worn Camera footage of the incident? Why or why not?

9. Based on what you know, please share your general thoughts and feelings of that footage in the space provided below.

10. Other than the Body Worn Camera Footage, please describe the sources of information you have about the incident resulting in the death of Mr. Ward.

11. Based on what you know, do you have an opinion about the conduct of the police officers who were present at the scene of David Ward's death? _____

12. Based on what you know, do you agree with Sheriff Essick's decision to serve Charlie Blount with a termination notice? Why or why not? _____
