

RESOLUTION

Calling on the Philadelphia Police Department to implement minimum force training for all law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, Minimum force training provides law enforcement officers with the physical and psychological skills needed to use the least amount of force required when faced with a confrontation under stress; and

WHEREAS, Minimum force training is a valuable tool for law enforcement officers and civilians alike; and

WHEREAS, Police use of force and training protocols are particularly salient following high profile incidents of overly aggressive, officer-involved confrontations and unintended shootings; and

WHEREAS, As a result of George Floyd's death, there is a national push to reform laws pertaining to police conduct and liability; and

WHEREAS, Minimum force training can reduce the number of these tragedies by giving officers the confidence and perspective to respond to stressful situations without lethal force when such force is unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officials in neighboring Bucks and Delaware counties have already begun exploring the implementation of minimum force training as a component of its mandatory police officer training; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Police Department – in the best interest of its officers and the public – should implement minimum force training to complement traditional, lethal force training; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, that it hereby calls on the Philadelphia Police Department to implement minimum force training for all law enforcement officers.

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Introduced by: **Councilmember Oh**

Cosponsored by: **Councilmember Bass**