

Agencies should develop strong policies and protocols for reviewing all use-of-force reports to ensure accuracy and completeness, including comparing written reports with video footage from body-worn cameras, dashboard cameras, and other sources. Special attention should be paid to ensuring that reports provide clear and specific details about the incident and avoid generic, “boilerplate” language.

## POLICY

### **11 To build understanding and trust, agencies should issue regular reports to the public on use of force.**

Agencies should publish regular reports on their officers’ use of force, including officer-involved shootings, deployment of less-lethal options, and use of canines. These reports should include demographic information about the officers and subjects involved in use-of-force incidents and the circumstances under which they occurred, and also discuss efforts to prevent all types of bias and discrimination.

These reports should be published annually at a minimum, and should be widely available through the agency’s website and in hard copy.

#### *Examples*

- **Los Angeles Police Department, Use of Force Year-End Review**<sup>64</sup>
- **New York City Police Department, Annual Firearms Discharge Report**<sup>65</sup>
- **Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, Division of Internal Affairs Annual Report**<sup>66</sup>

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