MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: Manual Revision – 5-303.01 Duty to Intervene

MP-8806

**Introduction:** This policy is being added to clearly describe the duty of every sworn employee to intervene if another employee is using force inappropriately.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-303.01 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be added as follows:

**5-303.01 DUTY TO INTERVENE (07/28/16)**

(A-D)

A. Sworn employees have an obligation to protect the public and other employees.

B. It shall be the duty of every sworn employee present at any scene where physical force is being applied to either stop or attempt to stop another sworn employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required.
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**(07/28/16) (06/16/20)**

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_B._ It shall be the duty of every sworn employee present at any scene where physical force is being applied to either stop or attempt to stop another sworn employee when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required. Regardless of tenure or rank, any sworn employee who observes another employee use any prohibited force, or inappropriate or unreasonable force (including applying force when it is no longer required), must attempt to safely intervene by verbal and physical means, and if they do not do so shall—Employees who attempt to safely intervene shall not be subject to discipline to the same severity as if they themselves engaged in the prohibited, inappropriate or unreasonable use of force.
Minneapolis Use of Force Incident Information

For the full data set: [http://opendata.minneapolismn.gov/datasets/police-use-of-force](http://opendata.minneapolismn.gov/datasets/police-use-of-force) Data is for MPD precinct officers responding to incidents within the City of Minneapolis. To filter, click on a field. To unfilter, re-click the field.

In **2021**, there were **1,719,273** calls for service in Citywide. Of these calls for service, **4,695** resulted in the use of force. This is **0.27%** of calls for service resulting in use of force.

### Reportable Type and Action
- Bodily Force
- Taser
- Chemical Irritant
- Improvised Weapon
- Gun Point Display
- Police K9 Bite
- Less Lethal
- Baton
- Less Lethal Projectile
- Firearm

### Type of Resistance
- Tensed
- Verbal non-compliance
- Other
- Filed on foot
- Commission of crime
- Assaulted officer
- Commission of a crime
- Unspecified
- Filed in a vehicle
- Filed in vehicle
- Assaulting police horse

### Top 10 Nature Code
- Suspicious Person
- Fight
- Disturbance
- Domestic Abuse-In Progress
- Emotionally Disturb Person
- Suspicious Vehicle
- Unknown Trouble
- Assault in Progress
- Traffic Law Enforcement
- All other problem types

### Top 10 Primary Offense
- FORCE
- CIC
- DISCON
- OBSTRU
- ASLT4
- NARC
- WT
- ASLT5
- ASLT2
- All others

### Gender
- Male
- Female

### Race
- White
- Black
- Other/Mixed Race

### Subject Injury
- Yes
- No

### Count of Reports by Age