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Subject: Use of Force Review Board

## Introduction

**Date of Incident:** February 6, 2023

**Officers Involved:** Jose Aceves

**Use of Force Review Board Chairperson:** Deputy Chief Justin Bouse

**Use of Force Review Board Members:**  
Sergeant Dustin Morgan  
Sergeant Marcus Beach  
Officer Kyle Donovan  
Detective James Barnett

## Synopsis

On Monday 2/6/23, Ofc. Aceves #30 responded to the 200 block of west Belle in Rantoul, IL for a report of stolen vehicle in progress. During the course of this incident, he discharged his duty weapon.

## Summary

On March 2, 2023, the Use of Force Review Board was convened with all members of the Use of Force Review Board present. The Review Board reviewed the following items pertaining to this investigation:

- Officer Aceves' S1 Supplemental Police Report
- Officer Aceves' S2 Supplemental Police Report
- Officer Aceves' Body-Worn Camera footage
- Officer McComas' Body-Worn Camera footage
- Audio recording of Officer Aceves's administrative interview
- Rantoul Police Department Policy 300 Use of Force
- Rantoul Police Department Policy 325 Standards of Conduct

## Conclusion

According to Rantoul Police Department Policy 301 Use of Force Review Boards, the board determines the following in regards to the use of force incident:

- a) The employee's actions were within department policy and procedure.
- b) The employee's actions were in violation of department policy and procedure.

At the conclusion of the items presented a discussion was held in regards to the two pertinent policies involving this use of force incident. These two policies are Rantoul Police Department Policy 300 Use of Force and Rantoul Police Department Policy 325 Standards of Conduct.

The board unanimously came to the following conclusion in regards to the actions of Officer Aceves and the policies listed above:

The employee's actions were within department policy and procedure.

In addition to reviewing the use of force for policy violations, the review board also conducted discussion in regards to training needs identified during this incident. These training needs focused on both department-level training and individual training for Officer Aceves.

### **Department Training Needs**

- Increase reality-based training under stress
- Increase "force on force" training
- Virtual reality (VR) could supplement reality-based training, but cannot replace it. Department VR Headset is outdated technology.
- Ability to control persons through using control tactics from multiple positions (standing, groundwork, etc.)

### **Officer Aceves Training Needs**

- Firearm training including increased range time with Firearms Instructor
- Training specific to Officer Aceves firearm optic sight