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Public Comment regarding SOP 460

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Hi my name is Huezong Yang, I work as an Advocate for Youths and Adult Refugees in Milwaukee. I am also a member of the Community Collaborative Commision. I wanted to voice my support for the proposed Amendment to SOP 460 that would eliminate the use of chokeholds by MPD officers. It is important that we honor the lives and bodies of everyone in Milwaukee during any Law Enforcement contact or interaction. The objective of Law Enforcement should be to de-escalate and organize safety for the community in a way that leads to minimal harm and violence as much as possible. This includes treating community members who may be the ones causing harm or suspected of causing harm with dignity and respect even when de-escalating with use of force. Choke-holds are not a safe method when de-escalating any situation and it is not a method that respects and honors the lives and bodies of the community. It puts the officer in danger, it puts the person being constrained in danger, and it puts all of the surrounding people that may be around in heightened reactionary mode that can lead to more violence. As a concerned advocate of Milwaukee, I hope the FPC does what is right for the community and considers my comment and amend SOP 460 to elenimate chokeholds.

Thank you.

Huezong Yang