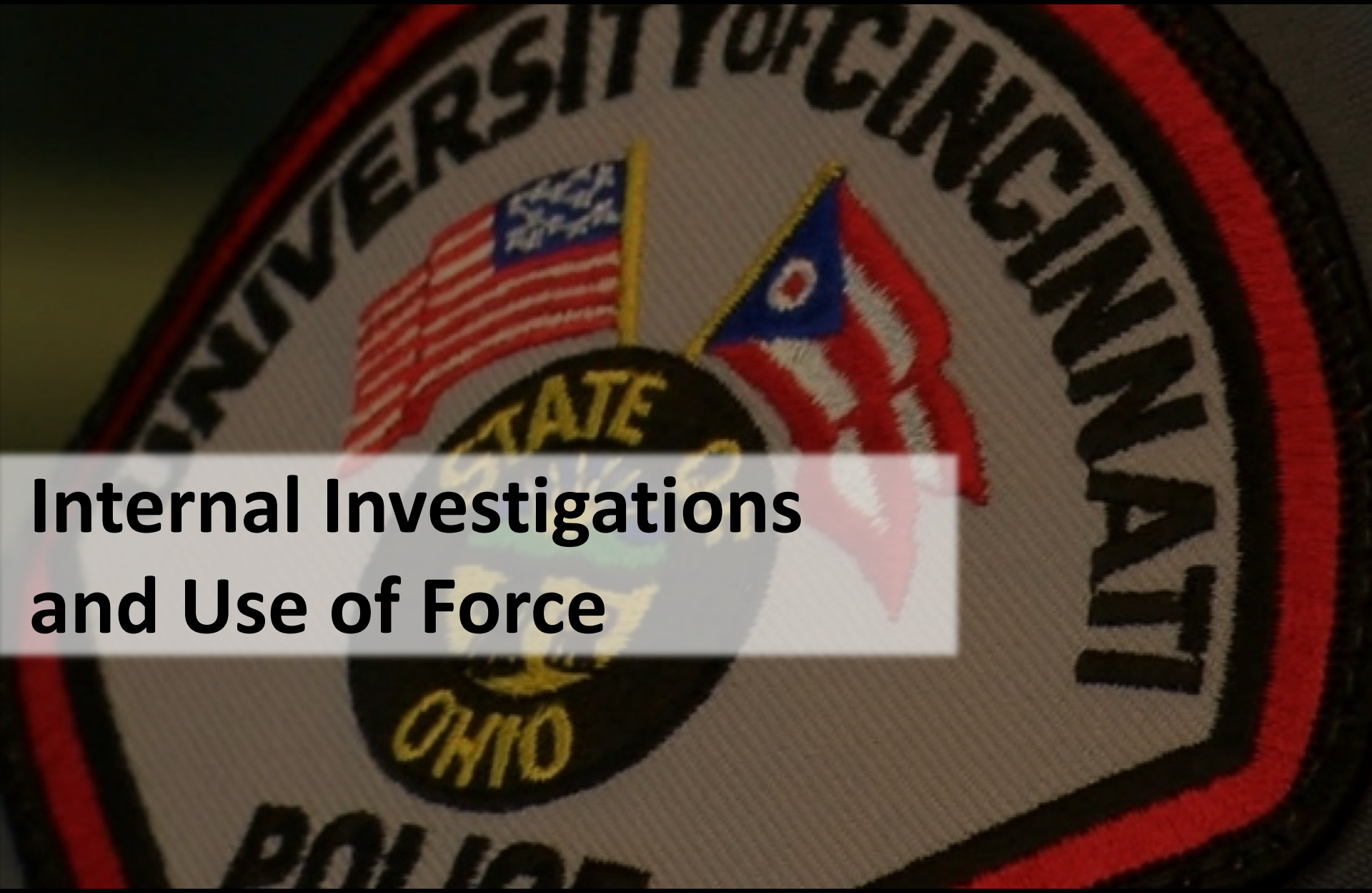

Internal Investigations and Use of Force

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2019
Second Quarter

Allegation

Accidental discharge at the firearms range prior to firearms inspection.

Facts

The officer was attempting to clear the Glock Model 17 for the instructor to inspect. The officer failed to eject the round in the chamber of the firearm and then pulled the trigger. Use of Weapons department policy violated.

Finding

SUSTAINED

Corrective Action

WRITTEN REPRIMAND for violating department Use of Weapons policy.

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19-11-IA

Incident

Hard Hands incident during arrest by UCPD Police Officer

Facts

While investigating a report of an auto theft, the officer made contact with the suspect. The officer used a hard hands technique to place the suspect into handcuffs.

Finding

Use of Force in **COMPLIANCE** with department policies, procedures, training

Follow-Up

Officer reminded to attempt to use more de-escalation techniques.

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19-12-UOF

Allegation

NightRide employee was speeding and driving recklessly.

Facts

Interviews with the complainant and the student employee are consistent. The student employee was recklessly driving and speeding.

Finding

SUSTAINED

Corrective Action

COACHING for not adhering department policy on safely operating department vehicles

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19-13-IA

Allegation

Officer unintentionally discharged his firearm striking his left foot

Facts

While changing in the locker room at UC Clermont, the officer unintentionally discharged his firearm when he placed his weapon in his off-duty holster. Interviews, witness statements, and collected evidence indicated the officer failed to adhere to UCPD policy

Finding

SUSTAINED

Corrective Action

WRITTEN REPRIMAND for violating department Use of Weapons policy.

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19-14-IA

Allegation

Police Officer possessed a firearm in a beer liquor premises while consuming and intoxicating liquor.

Facts

Interviews of witnesses and officer indicate that the officer did consume liquor while possessing a firearm in a beer liquor establishment. This incident occurred while the officer was off-duty.

Finding

SUSTAINED

Corrective Action

Police Officer received a five (5) day suspension

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19-15-IA

Allegation

Police Officer refused a professor access to the Health Science Building.

Facts

Denial of access was **COMPLIANT** with department policies and procedures.

Finding

EXONERATED

Corrective Action

None

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19-16-IA

Incident

Off campus traffic stop

Facts

UC Police officer spotted a vehicle on Ohio Avenue containing suspects involved in an assault. Cincinnati Police were advised of the vehicle and a Cincinnati Police Department Sergeant requested the UC Police Officer to make the stop.

Finding

Traffic stop was within policy. Cincinnati Police invoked mutual aid by requesting the stop be conducted

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19-17-AR

Incident

Police Officers pointed their Tasers at a subject.

Facts

A suicidal subject inside of a counseling room was armed with a pair of scissors and cutting herself. Both officers pointed their Tasers at the subject and gave verbal commands to drop the scissors and turn around. Subject complied with the officers' instructions.

Finding

The display of force was in compliance with the Use of Force Policy 7.1.100

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19-18-DOF

Allegation

Police Officer was charged with Alcohol Intoxication in Kentucky

Finding

Police Officer plead guilty and paid a fine.

Corrective Action

Police Officer was given a **WRITTEN REPRIMAND**

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19-19-AR

New Programs Coming to UCPD

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Mentor Program

- Partnership with Hughes High School and Corryville Catholic
- Establish positive role models
- Introduce youth to a college environment
- Collaborate with other mentor programs such as Higher Education Mentoring Initiative

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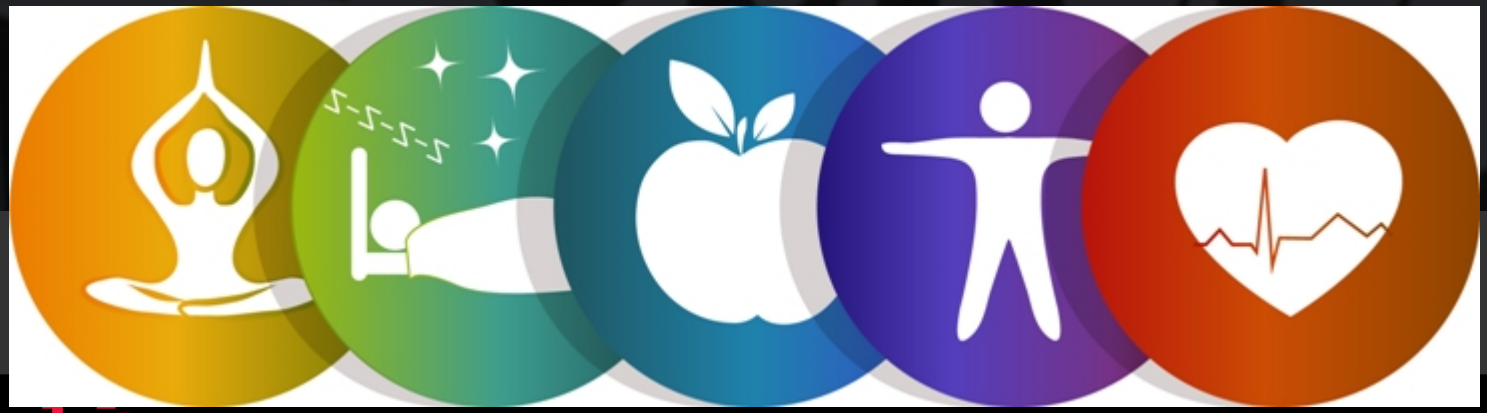
Health and Wellness Program

- Internal program designed to promote well-being of UC Public Safety employees
- Will address physical, mental, spiritual, and financial areas
- Partner with Dr. Kate Chard and the UC Health Stress Center
- Create a Critical Incident Stress Management Team



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Strategic and Tactical Investigations

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Off Campus Burglary Reduction

- Strategic Investigation
- Door Hanger Campaign (almost 3,000 handouts distributed)
- Prison interviews of past prolific offenders
- Living in the Neighborhood safety talks

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Bicycle Theft Reduction

- Strategic Investigation
- Bicycle theft prevention signage (posters and yard signs)
- “Blast Boards” at TUC, Rec Center, Residence Halls
- 24 bicycle thefts in 2018
- 2 bicycle thefts in 2019 YTD

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Backstage Drive Traffic Light

- Tactical Investigation
- Red light violations caused by hard to see traffic light
- UCPD working with Planning Design and Construction to redesign traffic light placement an upgrade traffic light

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