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Media Release

The Columbia Police Department is in receipt of the request from GRO and other concerned groups about their desire for our blanket adoption of Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) suggested guidelines.

On March 2, I presented a report to the city council that contained significant commentary about this and related issues, in response to a request from GRO that outlined their desires for model TASER guidelines in the December, 2008 Tribune op-ed. My accompanying commentary to that report included a statement to council that we would be sending our current policy to PERF for their commentary and analysis on our policy as it relates to their guidelines.

This has occurred and PERF is in possession of our policy.

At this time we are waiting to hear from them how much they will charge us for this analysis. We hope that it will not be expensive, as this would be an unbudgeted expenditure. However, until we find out from them where this stands, it would not be prudent to take further action in the interim.

Therefore, we will not be doing anything else regarding this issue until we know what's to occur next. To do so would be premature.

We will inform the public when we know what PERF's response is. We should hear something next week.

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