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## Frey and Arradondo Issue New No-Knock Warrant Policy

*For the first time in department history, there will be official policy governing the use of no-knock warrants*

MINNEAPOLIS – Today, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Police Chief Medaria Arradondo issued a new policy governing the Minneapolis Police Department’s (MPD) use of unannounced entry or no-knock warrants. The new policy marks a first for the city and is the latest policy change driven by the mayor and chief. Outside of limited, exigent circumstances, like a hostage situation, MPD officers will be required to announce their presence and purpose prior to entry.

**“This is about proactive policymaking and instilling accountability,”** said Frey. **“We can’t prevent every tragedy, but we can limit the likelihood of bad outcomes. This new, no-knock warrant policy will set shared expectations for our community and clear and objective standards within the department.”**

The new policy adds transparency and shared expectations for community and codifies best practices in the department’s Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit.

**“Even amid the most difficult circumstances, our men and women of the Minneapolis Police Department continue to carry out their duties with the highest level of excellence,”** said Arradondo. **“By implementing this new policy, we’re committing ourselves to continued improvement and ensuring best practices are cemented in policy within this department.”**

On an average year, the MPD execute 139 such warrants. Full text of the new policy is attached.

Over the last several months, Frey and Arradondo have issued a number of policy changes, including overhauling the use of force by making it as stringent as allowable under State law. In July, they implemented a new, cutting edge requirement, ensuring parity between civilians and officers when it comes to the review of body camera footage after a critical incident. They have also emphasized the importance of de-escalation in policy and practice, requiring for the first time in department history that officers accounted for attempted de-escalation in all use of force reports.

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