

The table below shows the response of the NSW Police Force (as at 7 September 2023) to recommendations made in the Commission's *Review of NSW Police Force Use of Force Reporting* (February 2023).

LECC recommendation	NSWPF response	Notes
1) The NSWPF should review any training modules on use of force reporting, delivered as part of the Associate Diploma in Policing Practice at the NSW Police Force Academy, to ensure the training provides student police with clear instruction on what to record and where to record it.	Supported	On 7 September 2023 the NSW Police Force advised the Commission that it had incorporated updates to the Use of Force Manual in to the ADPP curriculum and the MCPE program (available for EDOs on PETE).
2) The NSWPF should undertake further analysis to identify what is preventing supervisors from verifying that Use of Force screens have not been completed correctly.	Supported in principle	<p>The NSWPF did not undertake the analysis as recommended by the LECC.</p> <p>However the NSWPF did take the steps to address the substantive issue of quality assurance which recommendation 2 aimed to address, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issuing a state-wide directive to supervisors via the NEMESIS system regarding expectations for reviewing use of force on COPS, including ensuring that the checklist is consistent with the narrative. • publishing the instructions in the police monthly newsletter. <p>The NSWPF is working to release a scenario-based online training module for supervisors on how to verify use of force in COPS.</p>
3) The NSWPF should consider the options available in the checklist on the Use of Force screen in COPS, and aim to simplify the categories and reduce potential confusion.	Supported	The NSWPF updated the checklist on 28 August 2023. It added new types of force to the checklist. Whether the new additions make the checklist clearer will be able to be observed over time.

4) The NSWPF should add a handcuffs option to the Use of Force screen in COPS in order to improve the accuracy of reporting on the use of handcuffs.	Supported.	The NSWPF updated the checklist on 28 August 2023.
5) The NSWPF should clarify and publish policy guidelines instructing officers when to record the number of officers present in the Use of Force screen.	Not supported	NA
6) NSWPF should clarify and publish policy guidelines instructing officers when to record use of communication in the Use of Force screen.	Not supported	NA
7) The NSWPF should clarify and publish policy guidelines instructing officers when to record the use of force involving weaponless control options.	Supported	The NSWPF updated the Use of Force Manual in August 2023.
8) The NSWPF should clarify and publish policy guidelines instructing officers when to record the use of force involving the display and burst of OC spray.	Supported	The NSWPF updated the Use of Force Manual in August 2023.
9) The NSWPF should review the clarity of instructions provided to officers as to when and how Taser use should be recorded, particular within the use of force screen.	Supported	<p>The NSWPF reviewed the Use of Force Manual however it did not update or clarify the existing guidance on Taser use.</p> <p>The Commission remains concerned about the dual reporting expectations across the Taser system and COPS system, and will continue to monitor the issue of 'reporting fatigue' we identified in our report.</p>
10) The NSWPF should review the clarity of the training and instructions given to officers about who is required to record the use of police dogs in the Use of Force screen and under what circumstances.	Supported	The NSWPF updated the Use of Force Manual in August 2023.
11) The NSWPF should conduct further analysis of COPS records to assess compliance with reporting the use of a firearms in the Use of Force screen and determine whether any further action is required to address any non-compliance issues identified.	Supported in principle	<p>The NSWPF did not undertake any analysis as requested by the recommendation.</p> <p>The NSWPF did however update its Use of Force manual to specify that the definition of force includes "causing a reasonable belief that a firearm will be fired or a weapon will be used".</p>