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She then showed a sample of the detainee intake form. It notes that the information provided is on a voluntary basis. There is also a section where an intake officer has to note his/her observations with respect to the appearance and behavior of the detainee. One of the important things about the intake form is that the intake officer and the officer in charge have to sign the form, date it and put the time that it was filled out. The purpose of this form serves as a method accountability for detention officers and officers in charge. It alerts detention personnel to an individual who requires medical intervention, and it may serve as documentation's in civil procedures against the department.

Additional policies versus procedures evaluations conducted by Risk Assessment include a manual case by case review of several lawsuits to determine policy violations. We have discovered after reviewing disciplinary files that we have some fourth amendment violations that need to be dealt with. As a result of that we will be making recommendations to the Chief that a group of police officers receive retraining in Constitutional Law.

In fiscal year, 1999-2000 the city of Detroit paid approximately 8 million dollars in litigation involving false arrest, in-custody deaths, excessive force, wrongful raids, illegal search and failure to provide medical treatment, among others. We plan to reduce those losses by concentrating the Risk Management efforts in those areas. Under policy development, Risk Assessment developed in conjunction with Planning and Inspection a concealed weapons and intermediate force devices policy for civilians. Civilians now have to go through the same rigor as a police officer would undergo. We also evaluated the Magnum-Spiked Tiger tire deflation device for use by the Tactical Services Section and we drafted policy on the use of this device as well as other tire devices. Currently, our Use of Force policy is under review by the section.

Risk Assessment is formulating and conducting the training for precinct detention officers and three detention facility officers on the use of the detainee intake form. We are also facilitating the training on managing diabetic detainees. The South-east Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network designed a training that is geared to enhance the intake officer observational skills while monitoring insulin dose administration by detainee's. This training will consist of dealing with debilitated detainee's and common assessing, monitoring dose administration at mealtime, insulin types, peak actual times, behavior and dose interpretation.

Risk Assessment also selected a vendor to provide the Department Diversity and Customer Service Training. This training will be department wide training, it will begin with the Chief of Police, it will include all members of the Detroit Police Department and all civilians. The focus of the training will be determined after a comprehensive assessment of department personnel and community. It is our hope that this training will become a tool for more effective department relations as well as community interaction.