

8 Can't Wait



Require De-Escalation

- An officer shall use de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to higher levels of force consistent with his or her training whenever possible and appropriate before resorting to force and to reduce the need for force.

Require Use Of Force Continuum

- Use of Force Continuum Progressive force refers to the escalation of force used by an officer to control a situation. The force continuum is the positive correlation between the amount of resistance offered and the amount of force applied. As the amount of resistance increases, the amount of force may increase.

Ban Choke Holds & Strangleholds

- A choke hold, defined as external pressure applied to the neck that impedes the passage of air flow of an individual, is prohibited.

Require Warning Before Shooting

- Where feasible, an officer shall identify himself or herself as a law enforcement officer and warn of his or her intent to use lethal force.

Ban Shooting At Moving Vehicles

- Firearms shall not be discharged at a moving vehicle unless:
 - A person in the vehicle is threatening the officer or another person with deadly force by means other than the vehicle; or
 - The vehicle is operated in a manner deliberately intended to strike an officer or another person, and all other reasonable means of defense have been exhausted (or are not present or practical), which includes moving out of the path of the vehicle.

Exhaust All Other Means Before Shooting

- Officers are responsible for employing only the reasonable force needed for a situation. Under normal circumstances, officers should exhaust every reasonable means of employing the minimum amount of force before escalating to a higher level of force.

Duty To Intervene

- Any officer present and observing another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, intervene to prevent the use of unreasonable force.

Require Comprehensive Reporting

- Complete an Offense/Incident Report and Use of Force supplement that documents the use of force. This report shall be completed prior to the officer ending their tour of duty.