



#8CantWait

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Banned Carotid Restraint

- SRPD's existing policy does not authorize the use of choke holds or bar arm restraints.
- As of June 9, 2020 SRPD no longer allows the use of Carotid Restraint

Require De-escalation

- SRPD existing training includes de-escalation techniques to reduce the use of force during encounters.
- We incorporate ongoing de-escalation in our Firearms training, Force Options Simulator, Tactical Communication, Taser, and Defensive Tactics.
- We strive for de-escalation in the field whenever possible, only using force as necessary. (Policy 300)

Use of Force Continuum

- SRPD existing policy divides the use of force into low, medium, and high levels. Officers shall use only the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose (Penal Code 835a).
- Our training outlines factors used to determine the reasonableness of force, such as the age of the individual, disability, the seriousness of the crime, mental state, intoxication, and proximity of weapons. Officers provide verbal commands and warnings when possible before using force.

Use of Force Continuum cont.

- When force is used medical attention is immediately sought out for subjects with any injury or complaints of pain or discomfort. Our ultimate objective for every encounter is voluntary compliance and to avoid or minimize injury when applying reasonable force. (Policy 300.5)

Require Warning Before Shooting

- Per 835 PC, officers will, when reasonable, identify themselves as an officer and warn before use of force, including firing a weapon.
- This warning is incorporated into our ongoing firearms training.

Restrict Shooting at Moving Vehicles

- We do not allow shooting at moving vehicles unless it is in defense of life.
- This training is part of our ongoing firearms training. (Policy 312.7)

Exhaust All Other Means Before Shooting

- The use of force is a critical concern and serious responsibility. Deadly force will only be used when necessary and employees understand and respect the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice.
- Officers are entrusted to use well-reasoned discretion to determine the appropriate use of force and are trained in a variety of less-lethal tools and tactics. (Policies 306, 308, and 309)

Duty to Intervene

- Our existing policy reads, “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, intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force. An officer who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law should promptly report these observations to a supervisor.”
- We are all informal leaders and should work to support each other and hold each other accountable so that we learn and correct our behavior in all aspects of our career. (Policy 300.7)

Require Comprehensive Reporting

- All incidents involving the use of force are documented.
- Officers are required to immediately report the use of force to a supervisor and required to document the use of force in a report. The supervisor then conducts a Use of Force investigation which is reviewed by the chain of command.
- Our department utilizes IAPro, our Internal Affairs software, to track the use of force incidents. (Policy 300.8)
- The Department reports the required information to the Department of Justice.
- We also meet transparency and reporting mandates per California Law SB 1421 and AB 748. SRPD posts information required to be released by law on our [transparency page](#).

Questions?