



Public Safety Subcommittee

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Police Department Policy 308

Control Devices and Techniques

Policy 308

- Policy regulates the use of control devices which includes:
 - Less lethal munitions
 - Chemical agents

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- Last year we recognized several changes that needed to be made to the policy that included:
 - More detailed policy regarding when devices may be deployed
 - Storage and issuance of munitions
 - More detailed policy on chemical agent use authorization
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- These changes were later identified in the Hillard Heintze After Action Report as well as the OIR report

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Use of Devices

- Control devices and techniques may be used to control, restrain or arrest a subject who is violent or demonstrates the intent to be violent
- Additional considerations added to the policy for use include when the person:
 - Is armed with a weapon
 - Has made credible threats to harm them or others
 - Is engaged in riotous behavior
 - Has committed a violent crime and is not complying
- Use must be reasonable and follow our separate use of force policy

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Storage and Issuance

- Specific language regarding where devices and munitions are stored. This includes less lethal munitions and chemical agents
- Chemical agents shall be issued by a designated individual (not the person who is receiving them)
- The type, quantity, date and time of chemical agents that are issued shall be documented as well as when they are returned

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Chemical Agents

- Specific language in our policy has been added for chemical agent deployment
- Policy requires Lieutenant approval or higher unless it meets the threshold where lethal force can be used
- Policy includes notification of owners or residents in the area if chemical agents were used.

- Policy 308 is available online at the Santa Rosa Police Department website
- <https://srcity.org/214/Police>

Questions?

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