



# HOLYOKE POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**69. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum, which does not include the use of chokeholds and strangleholds. However, if an officer is fighting for his/her life, then an officer shall act in self-defense to save his/her life.

**70. Require de-escalation.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow their training in Crisis Intervention to de-escalate situations.

**71. Require warning before shooting.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum. Officers shall provide verbal commands prior to using force, if this can be safely done.

**72. Exhaust all alternatives before shooting.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum. Officers shall provide verbal commands prior to using force, if this can be safely done.

**73. Duty to Intervene.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to intervene when they believe that a person is in danger of loss of life or serious bodily injury during an arrest. An officer who intervenes on behalf of another will not be disciplined for violation of chain-of-command, regardless of the rank of the officers involved, and shall be afforded all protections inherent in whistle-blower status.

**74. Shooting at moving vehicles.**

All Holyoke Police officers shall continue to follow our policy of not shooting at moving vehicles unless unavoidable in self-defense to protect the life of an innocent person or the police.

**75. Use of Force Continuum.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum.

**76. All force be reported.**

All Holyoke Police Officers shall continue to follow our policy of reporting all use of force.