

# TRAINING TASK: RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

## TASK # 1

### Purpose

To know to use reasonable force and restrictions on the use of force, including physical and verbal uses of force.

### Preceding Task:

None

### I. Statute and City Ordinances

None

### II. Policy and Procedure

- A. G.O. 1.3 Response to Resistance
- B. Training Bulletin: Police Procedure #39 Force Options – Neck Restraints

### III. Operational Procedure

- A. Definitions
  - 1. Force
  - 2. Objectively Reasonable
  - 3. Lethal Force
  - 4. Less lethal Weapons
  - 5. Serious Physical Harm
- B. General Policy
  - 1. Force used in response to the subject(s) resistance/aggression, officers will only use force that is objectively reasonable for the situation based on the totality of the circumstances known to the officer(s) at the time of the incident.
  - 2. An officer shall use de-escalation techniques and other alternatives to physical force consistent with his or her training whenever possible and appropriate before resorting to physical force and to reduce the need for physical force.

3. Whenever possible and when such delay will not compromise the safety of the officer or another or result in the destruction of evidence, escape of a suspect, or commission of a crime, an officer shall allow an individual time and opportunity to submit to verbal commands before physical force is used.
- C. Use of Physical Force
1. Actual physical contact to gain compliance with verbal commands
  2. Excluding less lethal weapons
- D. Lethal weapons primarily firearms
1. Defense of any human life or person in immediate danger of serious physical harm or death
  2. Fleeing felon: Must prevent escape when any person is in immediate danger of serious physical harm or death
- E. Restrictions on use of firearms
1. Verbal warning when possible
  2. Shoot to **STOP**: Center Mass
  3. At a moving vehicle only when human life is in immediate danger of serious physical harm or death
  4. Be cognizant of field of fire
  5. No warning shots
  6. Not under influence of alcohol and/or drugs
  7. To destroy animal: In self-defense or to prevent harm
    - a. Dispose of animal at Street Garage
- F. Safe handling of firearms
1. No person shall draw or point their firearm unless it is to lawfully use the weapon in conformance with policy.
  2. Never surrender your weapon!
  3. Officers will secure and store weapons both on and off duty in such a way as to ensure no unauthorized person will have access to or gain control over the weapon
- G. Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW)
1. Officer must be certified
  2. LL ECD designed to disrupt sensory and motor nervous systems
  3. Not a means of punishment
  4. Use against active aggression or active resistance
  5. May be used to prevent escalation of violence
  6. Not a substitute for deadly force
  7. Test fire CEW 5 seconds daily.

- H. Approved CEW Uses
  - 1. Disable/control active aggression
  - 2. Extract uncooperative prisoners
  - 3. Disarm to prevent using deadly force
  - 4. Fleeing should not be sole justification for using CEW
  
- I. Not Approved!!!
  - 1. Youth, elderly, pregnant, known medical condition unless to reduce chance of higher force being necessary.
  - 2. Flammable
  - 3. Punishment
  - 4. Horseplay
  
- J. If CEW is utilized
  - 1. Any time the probes are imbedded in the face, neck, groin or breast (female), the subject will be transported to the hospital for treatment.
  - 2. Medics will be called to the scene to evaluate the subject, and a supervisor shall be notified, when any of the following occurs:
    - a. Repeated and multiple CEW applications
    - b. Cycling time that exceeds 15 seconds in duration, whether the time is consecutive or cumulative
    - c. Simultaneous applications by more than one CEW
  - 3. Officers must understand that repeated applications and continuous cycling of CEWs should be avoided!
  
- K. Less Lethal Weapons – Intermediate Force
  - 1. Officers are issued an Expandable Baton and must be trained in it's use. G.O. 1.3.1
  - 2. Prohibited weapons--Brass knuckles, slappers, saps, karate sticks, or any other unless approved by Chief of Police
  - 3. Intermediate weapons are used when lethal force is not justified
  
- L. Personal Weapons/Secondary Weapons
  - 1. Alternative on-duty weapon must be approved by Chief of Police
    - a. Must be 9mm or .38 cal., .357, .40, or .45
    - b. Must qualify
  - 2. Off-duty weapon must be approved by Chief of Police and officer must qualify
  - 3. Secondary weapon must be approved by Chief of Police
    - a. Must qualify
    - b. Must be concealed
    - c. Only used when primary weapon is inaccessible

- M. Safety Priorities
  - 1. Hostages.
  - 2. Innocent Civilians.
  - 3. Police Officers.
  - 4. Subjects (Criminal or otherwise).
  
- N. Reports
  - 1. Discharge Firearm Report
  - 2. Response to Resistance Report
    - a. When suspect is injured or alleges injury
    - b. Use of less lethal weapon even when no injury
    - c. Use the outline from Force Options Booklet
  - 3. Discharge of Firearm to Destroy Sick/Injured Animal

*I acknowledge that I received training in the skills and knowledge necessary to perform in the above Training/Task Topics, and I am able to perform at an acceptable level.*

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*Probationary Officer                      Date*

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*Supervisor                      Date*

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*FTO                      Date*