



## **Police Use of Force Policy**

**Scope: CITYWIDE**

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The sanctity of life is inviolable and every person is precious. Developing and maintaining a professional and highly trained police force is imperative. In an effort to guarantee that all lives are protected and valued in the City of Sacramento, Council is adopting the following policy that requires the City Manager to ensure the police:

- A. Are authorized to use deadly force only when an officer reasonably believes that a suspect poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or others.
- B. Issue a clear and comprehensible verbal warning, when possible, before using deadly force.
- C. Use the minimum amount of force necessary, under the circumstances presented to the officer, to apprehend a subject.
- D. Develop and issue specific guidelines for the type of force and tools authorized for a given level of resistance.
- E. Are issued and carry less-lethal weapons consistent with current best practice.
- F. Do not move in front of moving vehicles.
- G. Do not shoot at moving vehicles unless the person poses a threat with a weapon other than the vehicle OR has exhibited a specific intent to use the vehicle as a weapon.
- H. Intervene when an officer observes another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances, and when in a position to do so, to prevent the use of unreasonable force and report the incident to their immediate supervisor as soon as reasonably possible.

- I. Receive training in de-escalating encounters with the public, to include mentally ill individuals.
- J. Are trained in basic first aid and render such aid (as soon as it is safe to do so) after a deadly force incident.
- K. Make death notifications to family members of a subject that has died as a result of an officer involved shooting or while in police custody.
- L. Release all video associated with an officer involved shooting, in-custody death, or complaint reported to OPSA within 30 days, where said video does not hamper, impede, or taint an ongoing investigation or endanger involved parties. The family of the decedent shall be offered the opportunity to review the video prior to public release. All faces will be blurred to protect the identity of those present and a warning will also be included to advise of the graphic content of the video. If the video cannot be made public by the 30<sup>th</sup> day, the Police Chief will provide the reasons and obtain a waiver from the Council.