## Rome Police Department

Policy Manual

## **Use of Force**

## 300.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines on the reasonable use of force. While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situation, every member of this department is expected to use these guidelines to make such decisions in a professional, impartial, and reasonable manner.

In addition to those methods, techniques, and tools set forth below, the guidelines for the reasonable application of force contained in this policy shall apply to all policies addressing the potential use of force, including but not limited to the Control Devices and Techniques and Conducted Energy Device policies.

## 300.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

**Active Resistance** - Behavior which physically counteracts an officer's control efforts and which creates a risk of bodily harm to the officer, subject, and/or other persons.

**Defensive and Arrest Tactics (DAAT)** - A System of verbalization skills coupled with physical alternatives.

**Deadly force** - The intentional use of a firearm or other instrument, the use of which would result in a high probability of death or great bodily harm.

**Feasible** - Reasonably capable of being done or carried out under the circumstances to successfully achieve the arrest or lawful objective without increasing risk to the officer or another person.

**Force** - The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed, or restrained.

**Imminent** - Ready to take place; impending. Note that imminent does not mean immediate or instantaneous.

**Intervention Options** - An element of Disturbance Resolution in DAAT containing five modes in which an officer can intervene with a subject.

**Objectively Reasonable** - The standard by which police use of force is judged. The reasonableness of an officer's use of force is judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, and its calculus must embody an allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force necessary in a particular situation.

Passive Resistance - Non-compliant and non-threatening behavior.

**Reasonable Force** - A physical act by an officer in the performance of duty when it is used to accomplish a legitimate police objective and the level of force used is objectively reasonable considering known facts and circumstances at the time of the incident.

**Totality of the circumstances** - All facts and circumstances known to the officer at the time, taken as a whole, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of force.

#### 300.2 POLICY

The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and, when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties.

Officers must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties.

The Rome Police Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. Vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation, and a careful balancing of all interests.

## 300.2.1 DUTY TO INTERCEDE AND REPORT

Any officer present and observing another law enforcement officer or a member 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.

Any officer who observes another law enforcement officer or a member use force that is potentially beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances should report these observations to a supervisor as soon as feasible.

#### 300.2.2 PERSPECTIVE

When observing or reporting force used by a law enforcement officer, each officer should take into account the totality of the circumstances and the possibility that other law enforcement officers may have additional information regarding the threat posed by the subject.

## 300.3 USE OF FORCE

The Rome Police Department adopts the Defensive and Arrest Tactics System. This is a system designed for all police officers for the primary purpose of self defense. This system includes the Incident Response and Disturbance Resolution Models which provide general guidelines that define the degree and type of force to be used in controlling suspects. All Rome Police Officers shall be trained and act in accordance with the DAAT system per State Training and Standard Bureau standards. An overview of the Defensive and Arrest Tactics System can be found here:

Overview of DAAT System: See attachment: daat-poster.pdf

Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

The reasonableness of force will be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene at the time of the incident. Any evaluation of reasonableness must allow for the fact that officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary in a particular situation, with limited information and in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving.

Given that no policy can realistically predict every possible situation an officer might encounter, officers are entrusted to use well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate use of force in each incident.

It is also recognized that circumstances may arise in which officers reasonably believe that it would be impractical or ineffective to use any of the tools, weapons or methods provided by this department. Officers may find it more effective or reasonable to improvise their response to rapidly unfolding conditions that they are confronting. In such circumstances, the use of any improvised device or method must nonetheless be reasonable and utilized only to the degree that reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

While the ultimate objective of every law enforcement encounter is to avoid or minimize injury, nothing in this policy requires an officer to retreat or be exposed to possible physical injury before applying reasonable force.

## 300.3.1 FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE WHEN FORCE CAN BE USED

Law enforcement officers may use force legitimately when it is needed to achieve control in five specific situations:

- (a) To achieve and maintain control of resistive subjects.
- (b) To detain persons reasonably suspected of criminal behavior.
- (c) To make lawful arrests.
- (d) To defend themselves or others.
- (e) To prevent escape.

When deciding to use force, an officer shall take the following into consideration:

- (a) The severity of the alleged crime at issue.
- (b) Whether the suspect poses an imminent threat to the safety of officers and/or others.
- (c) Whether the suspect is actively resisting or attempting to evade arrest by flight.

When force is used, the use of force must fit into one of the following categories:

- (a) A trained technique.
- (b) A dynamic application of a trained technique (i.e., not quite the classroom model, but as close to it as possible under the circumstances).

(c) A technique not trained, but justifiable under the circumstances.

Additionally, a law enforcement officer may use reasonable force to arrest a person or execute a warrant. Additionally, a law enforcement officer making a lawful arrest may command the aid of any person, and such person shall have the same power as that of the law enforcement officer (Wis. Stat. § 968.07; Wis. Stat. 968.14).

## 300.3.2 FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE THE REASONABLENESS OF FORCE

When determining whether to apply force and evaluating whether an officer has used reasonable force, a number of factors should be taken into consideration, as time and circumstances permit. These factors include but are not limited to:

- (a) Immediacy and severity of the threat to officers or others.
- (b) The conduct of the individual being confronted, as reasonably perceived by the officer at the time.
- (c) Officer/subject factors (e.g., age, size, relative strength, skill level, injuries sustained, level of exhaustion or fatigue, the number of officers available vs. subjects).
- (d) The effects of suspected drug or alcohol use.
- (e) The individual's mental state or capacity.
- (f) The individual's ability to understand and comply with officer commands.
- (g) Proximity of weapons or dangerous improvised devices.
- (h) The degree to which the individual has been effectively restrained and his/her ability to resist despite being restrained.
- (i) The availability of other reasonable and feasible options and their possible effectiveness.
- (j) Seriousness of the suspected offense or reason for contact with the individual.
- (k) Training and experience of the officer.
- (I) Potential for injury to officers, suspects, and others.
- (m) Whether the individual appears to be resisting, attempting to evade arrest by flight, or is attacking the officer.
- (n) The risk and reasonably foreseeable consequences of escape.
- (o) The apparent need for immediate control of the individual or a prompt resolution of the situation.
- (p) Whether the conduct of the individual being confronted no longer reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to the officer or others.
- (q) Prior contacts with the individual or awareness of any propensity for violence.
- (r) Any other exigent circumstances.

## 300.3.3 KEY RULES FOR USE OF FORCE

The following are important rules officers shall consider when using force:

- (a) The purpose for use of force is to gain control in pursuit of a legitimate law enforcement objective. If verbalization is effective in gaining control, it is always preferable to physical force.
- (b) If the level of force an officer uses is not effective to gain control, the officer may disengage and/or escalate to a higher level of force.
- (c) An officer need not escalate step-by-step through the Intervention Options. As the situation dictates, an officer may move from any mode to any other if he/she reasonably believes that a lower level of force would be ineffective.
- (d) Once an officer has gained control of a subject, he/she must reduce the level of force to that needed to maintain control.
- (e) Officers should strive to always maintain a position of advantage. Control is a perception based on an officer's training, experience, and the fact situation.

## 300.3.4 RESPIRATORY RESTRAINTS

The use of a respiratory restraint, also known as a chokehold, is limited to circumstances where deadly force is authorized.

## 300.3.5 USE OF FORCE TO SEIZE EVIDENCE

In general, officers may use reasonable force to lawfully seize evidence and to prevent the destruction of evidence. However, officers are discouraged from using force solely to prevent a person from swallowing evidence or contraband. In the instance when force is used, officers shall not intentionally use any technique that restricts blood flow to the head, restricts respiration or which creates a reasonable likelihood that blood flow to the head or respiration would be restricted. Officers are encouraged to use techniques and methods taught by the Rome Police Department for this specific purpose.

## 300.3.6 ALTERNATIVE TACTICS - DE-ESCALATION

When circumstances reasonably permit, officers should use non-violent strategies and techniques to decrease the intensity of a situation, improve decision-making, improve communication, reduce the need for force, and increase voluntary compliance (e.g., summoning additional resources, formulating a plan, attempting verbal persuasion).

## 300.4 INTERVENTION OPTIONS

Intervention Options consist of the following 5 modes in which an officer can intervene with a subject: (a) Presence (b) Dialogue (c) Control Alternatives (d) Protective Alternatives (e) Deadly Force

## 300.5 PRESENCE

Presence reflects the fact that sometimes all that is needed to control a situation is the presence of an officer. The purpose of this mode is to "present a visible display of authority." Much as drivers are careful not to exceed the speed limit when they share the road with a marked squad, the simple presence of an officer in uniform or otherwise identified is sometimes enough to prevent people from starting or continuing to behave aggressively or otherwise create a disturbance.

## 300.6 DIALOGUE

Dialogue covers the range of tactical communication from very low-level questioning to very directive commands. The purpose of dialogue is to persuade subjects to comply with an officer's lawful directives. If communication is ineffective and an officer encounters danger, an over-riding concern, no progress, or a threat of escape, the officer should consider taking action to accomplish the lawful objective by using a level of force that is objectively reasonable.

## 300.7 CONTROL ALTERNATIVES

Control Alternatives includes a wide range of tactics and tools for controlling subjects. These are divided into four groups: escort holds, compliance holds, control devices, and passive countermeasures. This mode includes both empty-hand techniques such as applying an escort hold or directing a subject to the ground and tools such as Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, commonly called "pepper spray," and electronic control devices (ECDs) (also known as Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs)). The common thread is that all these tactics and tools are used to control subjects who are resisting or threatening to resist. While the overall purpose of Control Alternatives is to overcome passive resistance, active resistance, or their threats, the use of OC, ECDs, and passive countermeasures are restricted to those instances when an officer encounters active resistance or the threat of active resistance. OC, ECDs, and passive countermeasures shall not be used to overcome passive resistance.

#### 300.8 PROTECTIVE ALTERNATIVES

Protective Alternatives include tactics and tools to overcome continued active resistance, assaultive behavior, or their threats. The tactics include focused strikes that disrupt a subject's ability to continue to resist or fight, a diffused strike that can cause an immediate— though temporary—cessation of a subject's violent behavior and the use of baton strikes to impede a subject.

## 300.9 DEADLY FORCE

Deadly Force represents the highest level of force available to law enforcement officers. An officer may use deadly force to respond to behavior, but only if no other reasonable option is available. In other words, deadly force is a last resort and the officer must be able to articulate that all options except deadly force were not viable. Deadly force is the intentional use of a firearm or other instrument, the use of which would result in a high probability of death or great bodily harm. When reasonable, the officer shall, prior to the use of deadly force, make efforts to identify him/herself as a peace officer and to warn that deadly force may be used, unless the officer has objectively reasonable grounds to believe the person is aware of those facts.

Use of deadly force is justified in the following circumstances involving imminent threat or imminent risk:

(a) An officer may use deadly force to protect him/herself or others from what he/she reasonably believes is an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm.

(b) An officer may use deadly force to stop a fleeing subject when the officer has probable cause to believe that the individual has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving the infliction or threatened infliction of death or great bodily harm, and the officer reasonably believes that there is an imminent risk of death or great bodily harm to any other person if the individual is not immediately apprehended. Under such circumstances, a verbal warning should precede the use of deadly force, where feasible.

Imminent does not mean immediate or instantaneous. An imminent danger may exist even if the suspect is not at that very moment pointing a weapon at someone. For example, an imminent danger may exist if an officer reasonably believes that the individual has a weapon or is attempting to access one and intends to use it against the officer or another person. An imminent danger may also exist if the individual is capable of causing serious bodily injury or death without a weapon, and the officer believes the individual intends to do so.

It is required that all sworn personnel receive a copy and demonstrate their understanding of this policy before being authorized to carry any firearm. All sworn personnel shall be provided training and review of this policy at least annually

#### 300.9.1 TARGET SPECIFIC DIRECTED FIRE

Target-specific directed fire is an application of deadly force that may be appropriate in certain limited situations. It is purposeful, controlled, sustained fire directed at a perpetrator who has caused or imminently threatens to cause death or great bodily harm to you or others, but whom you may not be able to clearly observe. The purpose of target-specific directed fire is to stop the threat when no other reasonable course of action would allow officers to perform a rescue, escape from danger, or otherwise prevent death or great bodily harm.

## 300.9.2 MOVING VEHICLES

Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle involve additional considerations and risks, and are rarely effective.

When feasible, officers should take reasonable steps to move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants.

An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the imminent threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others.

Officers should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle.

## 300.9.3 WARNING SHOTS

Generally, warning shots or shots fired for the purpose of summoning aid are discouraged and may not be discharged unless the member reasonably believes that they appear necessary, effective and reasonably safe.

## 300.9.4 USE OF VEHICLES - BLOCKADES, BARRIERS, AND RAMMING

The following may only be employed by a police officer if, and only if, the use of deadly force would be authorized:

- (a) The use of blockades or roadblocks constructed by placing obstacles (including but not limited to police vehicles) of such density and mass upon a roadway that any vehicle colliding with them would be so severely decelerated that its occupants would likely suffer death or serious injury.
- (b) Ramming of a suspect/evader vehicle by a police vehicle.
- (c) Forcing a suspect/evader off the roadway or highway and/or into another object by the use of a police vehicle.

## 300.10 REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances.

To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis, and related purposes, the Department may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure, or law. See the Report Preparation Policy for additional circumstances that may require documentation.

## 300.10.1 NOTIFICATIONS TO SUPERVISORS

Supervisory notification shall be made as soon as practicable following the application of force in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) The application caused a visible injury.
- (b) The application would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary discomfort.
- (c) The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.
- (d) The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation.
- (e) Any application of the TASER device or control device.
- (f) Any application of a restraint device other than handcuffs, shackles, or belly chains.
- (g) The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.
- (h) An individual was struck or kicked.
- (i) An individual alleges unreasonable force was used or that any of the above has occurred.

#### 300.11 MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Once it is reasonably safe to do so, medical assistance shall be obtained for any person who exhibits signs of physical distress, has sustained visible injury, expresses a complaint of injury or continuing pain, or was rendered unconscious. Any individual exhibiting signs of physical distress

after an encounter should be continuously monitored until he/she can be medically assessed. Individuals should not be placed on their stomachs for an extended period, as this could impair their ability to breathe.

Based upon the officer's initial assessment of the nature and extent of the individual's injuries, medical assistance may consist of examination by an emergency medical services provider or medical personnel at a hospital or jail. If any such individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal shall be fully documented in related reports and, whenever practicable, should be witnessed by another officer and/or medical personnel. If a recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included in the recording, if possible.

The on-scene supervisor or, if the on-scene supervisor is not available, the primary handling officer shall ensure that any person providing medical care or receiving custody of a person following any use of force is informed that the person was subjected to force. This notification shall include a description of the force used and any other circumstances the officer reasonably believes would be potential safety or medical risks to the subject (e.g., prolonged struggle, extreme agitation, impaired respiration).

Individuals who exhibit extreme agitation, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond their physical characteristics, and imperviousness to pain (sometimes called "excited delirium"), or who require a protracted physical encounter with multiple officers to be brought under control, may be at an increased risk of sudden death. Calls involving these persons should be considered medical emergencies. Officers who reasonably suspect a medical emergency should request medical assistance as soon as practicable and have medical personnel stage away.

See the Medical Aid and Response Policy for additional guidelines.

## 300.12 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

A supervisor should respond to a reported application of force resulting in visible injury, if reasonably available. When a supervisor is able to respond to an incident in which there has been a reported application of force, the supervisor is expected to:

- (a) Obtain the basic facts from the involved officers. Absent an allegation of misconduct or excessive force, this will be considered a routine contact in the normal course of duties.
- (b) Ensure that any injured parties are examined and treated.
- (c) When possible, separately obtain a recorded interview with the individual upon whom force was applied. If this interview is conducted without the individual having voluntarily waived his/her *Miranda* rights, the following shall apply:
  - The content of the interview should not be summarized or included in any related criminal charges.
  - The fact that a recorded interview was conducted should be documented in a property or other report.

- 3. The recording of the interview should be distinctly marked for retention until all potential for civil litigation has expired.
- (d) Once any initial medical assessment has been completed or first aid has been rendered, ensure that photographs have been taken of any areas involving visible injury or complaint of pain, as well as overall photographs of uninjured areas.
  - 1. These photographs should be retained until all potential for civil litigation has expired.
- (e) Identify any witnesses not already included in related reports.
- (f) Review and approve all related reports.
- (g) Determine if there is any indication that the individual may pursue civil litigation.
  - 1. If there is an indication of potential civil litigation, the supervisor should complete and route a notification of a potential claim through the appropriate channels.
- (h) Evaluate the circumstances surrounding the incident and initiate an administrative investigation if there is a question of policy noncompliance or if for any reason further investigation may be appropriate.

In the event that a supervisor is unable to respond to the scene of an incident involving the reported application of force, the supervisor is still expected to complete as many of the above items as circumstances permit.

## 300.12.1 SHIFT SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITY

The Shift Sergeant shall review each use of force by any personnel within his/her command to ensure compliance with this policy and to address any training issues.

## 300.13 POLICY AVAILABILITY

This policy shall be made available to the public at no charge upon request (Wis. Stat. § 66.0511(2)).

## **300.14 TRAINING**

Officers will receive periodic training on this policy and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.

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# **Attachments**

# daat-poster.pdf

## **Defensive and Arrest Tactics (DAAT):** A system of verbalization skills coupled with physical alternatives.

## **DAAT Concepts:**

- · Control is a perception based on an officer's training, experience and the fact situation.
- Control is not a 50/50 proposition.
- · Proper police action balances safety and efficiency.

#### **DAAT Rules:**

- · No officers are injured.
- · No subjects are injured needlessly.
- No one is accepted/detained or released improperly.

>12 ft

4-12 ft

1.5-4 ft

## Safety Priorities:

- You
- Fellow Officers
- Civilians
- Suspects

## When Can Officers Use Force?

- · To achieve and maintain control of resistive subjects.
- To detain persons reasonably suspected of criminal
- To make lawful arrests.
- In defense of self or others.
- To prevent escapes.

## Key Rules for Use of Force:

- The purpose is control.
- Escalation does not need to follow step by step through intervention options.
- You can always disengage and/or escalate.
- Once control is achieved, you must reduce the level of force to that needed to maintain control.
- You must always maintain a position of advantage.

## Categories of Force:

- A trained technique.
- A dynamic application of a trained technique.
- Not trained by justified under the circumstances.

## INCIDENT RESPONSE (RESPOND)

#### **REPORT**

- Become aware
- Plan response
- Arrive/Assess
- Alarm/Inform

#### **EVALUATE**

- Look for Dangers
- · Determine back up needs
- Enter when appropriate/ tactically sound

#### **STABILIZE**

- Subject/s
- Scene

#### **PRESERVE**

- Life
  - Conduct an initial medical assessment
  - Treat to level of training
  - Continue to monitor subject
- Evidence

#### ORGANIZE

- · Coordinate additional responding units (if necessary)
- Communicate with dispatch and others
- Organize the collection of evidence (if appropriate)

#### **NORMALIZE**

- · Provide for long term monitoring (as appropriate)
- Restore scene to normal
- Return radio communications to normal

## **DOCUMENT/DEBRIEF** · Debrief self, others,

- subjects
- Document incident appropriately

## **DISTURBANCE** RESOLUTION

## 1.APPROACH **CONSIDERATIONS**

#### A. Decision-Making

- Justification
- Desirability

## **B. Tactical Deployment**

- · Control of Distance
- Relative Positioning
- Relative Positioning with Multiple Subjects
- **Team Tactics**

#### C. Tactical Evaluation

- Threat Assessment Opportunities
- Officer/Subject Factors
- Special Circumstances
- Level/Stage/Degree of Stabilization

## 2. INTERVENTION **OPTIONS**

3. FOLLOW THROUGH | CONSIDERATIONS

## Personal Intimate

Social

Danger Zones Unarmed - Less than 10 ft

CONTROL OF DISTANCE

Club or Edged Weapon - Any distance where the officer reasonably perceives an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm

Firearm – In the line of sight unbroken by cover (something that would stop the

#### THREAT ASSESSMENT **OPPORTUNITIES**

- · Level of Resistive Tension (agitation in a person's body)
- Early Warning Signs
- **Pre-attack Postures**
- Indications of mental illness. emotional disturbance, or medically significant behavior
- Weapon Control Factors

## OFFICER/SUBJECT FACTORS

- Numbers
- Age
- Size Relative Strength
- Skill Level

## Positioning













## **EARLY WARNING SIGNS**

Signals or certain behaviors provided by the subject that are often associated with a high level of danger to officers

- Conspicuously ignoring
- Excessive emotional attention
- Exaggerated movement
- Ceases all movement
- Known violent history

## PRE-ATTACK POSTURES

Behaviors that may indicate imminent danger of physical assault

- Boxer Stance
- Hand set
- Shoulder Shift
- Target Glance
- **Thousand Yard Stare**

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Factors or situation that may justify rapid escalation of force or selection of higher force options

- · Reasonable perception of threat
- Special knowledge of subject
- Sudden assault
- Subject's ability to escalate force rapidly
- Your physical positioning
- Injury or exhaustion
- Equipment or training
- Availability of backup Other special circumstances

## LEVEL/STAGE/DEGREE OF STABILIZATION

- · Presence stabilization
- Verbal stabilization
- Standing stabilization
- Wall stabilization
- · Ground stabilization

## Special restraints

#### INTERVENTION OPTIONS **PURPOSE** (in bold) MODE GOAL (in italics) A. Presence **Open Stance** To present a visible display of 2. Ready Stance authority 3. Defensive Stance **B.** Dialogue 1. Search Talk 2 Persuasion To verbally persuade 3. Light Control Talk 4. Heavy Control Talk C. Control Alternatives To overcome passive resistance, active resistance, or their threats 1. Escort Holds Blanket the Arm To safely initiate physical contact Escort Position 2. Compliance Holds Come Along Pressure Points To overcome passive resistance Mandibular Angle Hypoglossal 3. Control Devices (OC/ECD) Oleoresin Capsicum To overcome active resistance • Electronic Control Devices or its threat 4. Passive Countermeasures Secure the Head Hug Yourself To Decentralize Lower Your Center • Pull in-Push Down **D. Protective Alternatives** To overcome continued resistance, assaultive behavior, or their threats 1. Active Countermeasures Vertical Stuns Focused Strikes · Reaction Hand Strike · Reaction Forearm Strike · Strong Hand Strike To create dysfunction · Strong Forearm Strike Reaction Front Kick · Reaction Knee Strike • Strong Angle Knee Strike • Strong Angle Kick 2. Incapacitating Technique • Diffused Strike from the front To cause immediate temporary • Diffused Strike from the rear cessation of violent behavior 3. Intermediate Weapons Baton Baton Jab • Baton Jab-Multiple Strikes Angle Strike To impede · Angle-Cross Strike Multiple/Overload Strikes E. Deadly Force To stop the threat

#### REACT

- Request Cooperation
- **E**xplain Reason
- **Allow Choice**
- Check Decision (Is there anything I can say to .....?)
- Take Action

#### DONE

- Danger
- Overriding Concern
- No Progress
- Escape

Passive Resistance: Non-threatening and non-complaint behavior

Active Resistance: Behavior which physically counteracts an officers control efforts and which creates risk of bodily harm to the officer, subject and/or other person.

Continued Resistance: Maintaining a level of counteractive behavior that is not controlled by an officers current

efforts.

Assaultive Behavior: Direct actions or conduct that generate bodily harm

## Fighting Rules:

- Be effective from the beginning.
- Never spar with anyone.
- Hit as hard as you can.
- Attempt to create a dysfunction.
- Get the confrontation over quickly.

**Deadly Force Definition:** The intentional use of a firearm or other instrument that creates a high probability of death or great bodily harm.

Deadly Force Justification: Behavior which has caused or imminently threatens to cause death or great bodily harm to you or another person or persons.

Great Bodily Harm: Bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious permanent disfigurement, or which causes a permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ or other serious bodily injury.

#### Imminent Threat Criteria:

Imminent means "about to happen. Suspect displays:

- Intent
- Weapon
- Delivery System

## **Target Requirements:**

- Acquisition: The process of locating your adversary.
  Identification: The process of recognizing the subject as the adversary placing you/others in "Imminent Danger".
  Isolation: The process of separating the subject from innocent persons.
  - innocent persons.

**Preclusion:** The officer reasonably believes all other options have been exhausted or would be ineffective.

**Greater Danger Exception:** Shooting without Target Isolation if the consequence of not stopping the threat would be *worse* than the possibility of hitting an innocent person..

Defense of Self or Others: You may use deadly force when a subject poses an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to you or to another person or persons.

Defense of Society at Large: You may use deadly force to apprehend a criminal suspect who has used or threatened to use deadly force against someone, and presents a continued threat to the public, and you reasonably believe there is no other way to make the arrest or retain custody of the person once arrested. In all such cases, the officer should warn the subject, if feasible, prior to using deadly force.

#### **FOLLOW-THROUGH CONSIDERATIONS**

- A. Stabilize
- B. Monitor/Debrief
- C. Search
- D. Escort

- E. Transport
- F. Turn-Over/Release
- Application of restraints, if necessary
- If appropriate If necessary
- If necessary
- Removal of restraints, if necessary

#### STABILIZE

- Presence stabilization
- Verbal stabilization
- Standing stabilization
- Wall stabilization
- Ground stabilization
- Special restraints

## Monitor/Debrief

- Calm self and partner
- Provide initial medical assessment
- Reassure the subject
- Rebuild subjects self esteem