

USE OF FORCE MATRIX

Patrol Procedures

Subject: Use of Force

I. Purpose

To establish Public Safety philosophy and policy regarding the use of force for dealing with resistive and combative subjects, while minimizing risk of physical injury to officer, staff and others.

II. Policy

PS officers will familiarize themselves with Oregon statutes in relation to the use of force and the Department on Police Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Use of Force Matrix.

III. Procedure

I. Use of Force

1.1 All officers will be trained according to DPSST standards as follows within this section. Officers will use the minimum force necessary to resolve a situation.

2.1 Officers can use force to stop or prevent the commission of a crime to protect persons or property. Officers will refer to ORS 161.190 through 161.255 for guidance.

3.1 Officers will use the following levels of force:

A. Officer Presence:

- a. The uniformed Officer's presence may stop the inappropriate behavior.

B. Verbal Commands:

- a. Questioning of a subject.
- b. Attempt to persuade a subject.
- c. Act of giving an order to the subject.

C. Physical Contact:

- a. Directing by touch.
- b. Controlling the subject with an escort hold.
- c. Physical control holds
- d. Pressure point.
- e. Joint manipulations.
- f. Hair control holds.

D. Chemical/Aerosol Restraints:

- a. Serious physical control

E. Impact Weapons:

- a. Focused blows to vital parts.

F. Deadly Force:

- a. Any force capable of causing serious physical injury or death.

II. Threat Assessment

1.1 The term threat is used to describe any person capable of causing physical injury, serious physical injury, or death.

2.1 Threat must possess the elements listed below, prior to the use of force:

- A. The intent of the threat.
- B. The means to carry out the threat.
- C. The opportunity to commit the threat.

III. Justification for Use of Force

1.1 In all circumstances where Officers may be confronted with the use of force opportunity, Officers must assess the following:

- A. Is the action worth the risk of injury?
- B. Does the threat have the opportunity to comply with your commands or instructions?
- C. Will the course of action accomplish the desired results?
- D. Does the total state of the circumstances justify the actions?

IV. Use of Restraints

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- 1.1 Handcuffs will be considered the standard restraining method for persons in PS custody resulting from an arrest.
- 2.1 Officers will be expected to apply handcuffs per DPSST standards in all incidents where they have arrested or accepted custody of an arrested person.
- 3.1 Officers will not transport an arrested person in a vehicle without the use of handcuffs.
- 4.1 Supervisors will be responsible for the training of all Officers in these procedures.
 - A. Officers will be held personally responsible for the treatment of any person under these sections, including the safety of the person, particularly any person being transported or restrained by any method. All persons in the custody of PS Officers for any reason will be turned over to the appropriate authorities as soon as possible.
 - B. All actions under this section may require written justification. Officers will then file a Physical Control Report besides any other required report. (Appendix 14)

V. Training

- 1.1 All officers using defensive tactics must first successfully complete administered training and be certified by a qualified instructor as being satisfactorily proficient in the use of defensive tactics.
- 2.1 No officer shall use defensive tactics without proper training and subsequent periodic retraining and certification as required by the department.
- 3.1 Each officer must pass a written test as part of the initial training and any periodic training process. Such documentation will be permanently maintained by the department.