



A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR POLICIES

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



**CHOKEHOLDS, STRANGLEHOLDS
AND CAROTID RESTRAINT ARE NOT
AUTHORIZED BY THE RIVERSIDE
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
USE OF FORCE POLICY SECTION 300**

BAN
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REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TRAINS ALL DEPUTIES IN DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES. DEPUTIES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND EIGHT HOURS OF TACTICAL COMMUNICATION AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING CERTIFIED BY CALIFORNIA POST (COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING). AFTER INITIAL TRAINING, DEPUTIES ATTEND A REFRESHER COURSE ON THE TOPIC EVERY TWO YEARS.



**THE DEPARTMENT
RECOGNIZED THE VALUE
AND SUCCESS OF THE TACTICAL
COMMUNICATION AND DE-ESCALATION
TRAINING AND IS ACTIVELY
MOVING TO BUILD
UPON THE PROGRAM.**

RECENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT APPLIED AND RECEIVED GRANT FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT AN ENHANCED LEVEL OF TRAINING KNOWN AS INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENT, AND TACTICS, OR ICAT WHICH IS A 21ST CENTURY POLICING USE OF FORCE TRAINING GUIDE.

THIS NATIONAL PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO FILL A CRITICAL GAP AND WILL TRAIN EVERY DEPUTY IN THE DEPARTMENT ON HOW TO RESPOND TO VOLATILE SITUATIONS IN WHICH SUBJECTS ARE BEHAVING ERRATICALLY, AND OFTEN DANGEROUSLY, BUT DO NOT POSSESS A FIREARM.



DUTY TO INTERVENE

ANY DEPARTMENT MEMBER OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO OBSERVES ANOTHER DEPARTMENT MEMBER OR ALLIED AGENCY PERSONNEL USING UNREASONABLE FORCE SHALL INTERVENE TO PREVENT THE FORCE. THE USE OF FORCE SHOULD BE PROMPTLY REPORTED TO A SUPERVISOR.

USE OF FORCE POLICY SECTION 300.2.1

BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

SHOTS FIRED AT OR FROM A MOVING VEHICLE ARE RARELY EFFECTIVE. A DEPUTY SHOULD ONLY DISCHARGE A FIREARM AT A MOVING VEHICLE OR ITS OCCUPANTS WHEN THE DEPUTY REASONABLY BELIEVES THERE ARE NO OTHER REASONABLE MEANS AVAILABLE TO AVERT THE THREAT OF THE VEHICLE, OR IF DEADLY FORCE OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE IS DIRECTED AT THE DEPUTY OR OTHERS.

USE OF FORCE POLICY SECTION 300.4.1



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

WHERE FEASIBLE, A DEPUTY SHALL, PRIOR TO THE USE OF FORCE, MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A PEACE OFFICER AND TO WARN THAT DEADLY FORCE MAY BE USED.



REQUIRE TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE IS ONLY JUSTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES (PENAL CODE § 835A):

A. A DEPUTY MAY USE DEADLY FORCE TO PROTECT HIM/HERSELF OR OTHERS FROM WHAT HE/SHE REASONABLY BELIEVES IS AN IMMINENT THREAT OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO THE DEPUTY OR ANOTHER PERSON.

B. A DEPUTY MAY USE DEADLY FORCE TO APPREHEND A FLEEING PERSON FOR ANY FELONY THAT THREATENED OR RESULTED IN DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, IF THE DEPUTY REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT THE PERSON WILL CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER UNLESS IMMEDIATELY APPREHENDED.



REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

THE USE THE FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IS A MATTER OF CRITICAL CONCERN, BOTH TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY. DEPUTIES ARE PERMITTED TO USE THAT FORCE WHICH IS OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE UNDER THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES KNOWN AT THE TIME. DEPUTIES MUST HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF, AND TRUE APPRECIATION FOR, THEIR AUTHORITY AND LIMITATIONS.

**USE OF FORCE POLICY SECTION 300
THIS POLICY ALIGNS WITH CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 835A**

REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

THE RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUIRES DEPARTMENT MEMBERS TO DOCUMENT ANY USE OF FORCE IN AN APPROPRIATE REPORT.

USE OF FORCE POLICY SECTION 300.7



**OUR DEPARTMENT POLICY IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://WWW. RIVERSIDE SHERIFF.ORG/663/TRANSPARENCY](https://www.riverside-sheriff.org/663/transparency)**