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Policy Review for City of Eugene



Bans Chokeholds and Strangleholds

The use of a choke hold and carotid restraint is prohibited except in cases where deadly force would be authorized. (EPD Policy 807.2.2)



Requires De-escalation

Officers should make every reasonable effort to de-escalate confrontations to prevent the need to use force. (EPD Policy 820.3) When time and circumstances reasonably permit, officers shall assess and accommodate, whether a subject's lack of compliance is a deliberate attempt to resist, or an inability to comply. (EPD Policy 820.3.a.2)



Requires Warning Before Shooting

Officers should endeavor to de-escalate confrontations through tactical communication, warnings, and other common-sense methods preventing the need to use force whenever reasonably possible. (EPD Policy 800.2)



Requires Exhausting Other Means Before Shooting

An officer is justified in using deadly force against another person when and to the extent the officer reasonably believes the deadly force is immediately necessary to protect them or others from what he or she reasonably believes would be an imminent threat of death or serious physical injury. (EPD Policy 800.4.1)



Duty to Intervene

Any officer present who observes another officer 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 such excessive force. Officers witnessing excessive force will also report these observations to a supervisor immediately. (EPD Policy 800.1.2)



Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles

Officers reserve the ability to shoot at a moving vehicle if it is threatening the life of community members or officers.



Has Use of Force Continuum

Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training moved away from the "force continuum" years ago and EPD has stayed aligned with the state standard. It is based on force options and on an objectionably reasonable standard including a totality of circumstances at the time force is implemented.



Requires Comprehensive Reporting

Any reportable use of physical force will be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in the appropriate report(s) depending on the nature of the incident. (EPD Policy 800.6)