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## Prohibited Carotid Control Hold



Chokeholds and Strangleholds have been banned in law enforcement for some time. The Carotid Control Hold is not authorized for use by Pittsburg Police Officers. Effective 06/05/2020, the Pittsburg Police Department has removed the Carotid Control Hold from Pittsburg Police Policy.



## Required De-Escalation



The Pittsburg Police Department trains all of its officers in de-escalation techniques as addressed in SB 230. This has been incorporated in Pittsburg Police Department training for years, as outlined in our Policy 300.3. All officers are participating in de-escalation and interpersonal communication training, including tactical methods to avoid escalating situations that lead to violence. In addition, the Pittsburg Police Department has an on-site force options simulator where officers can put their de-escalation skills to practice. It is a requirement that alternatives to the use of deadly force and physical force, where reasonably feasible, are part of the decision-making process leading up to the consideration of use of force.

## Required Warning Before Shooting



Required Warning Before Shooting is now covered under Pittsburg Police Department Policy 300.4, which states: "Where feasible, the Officer 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." It is also stated under AB 392 (same language) which is consistent with federal law.





## Require to Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting



Exhaust all other means before shooting is addressed in SB 230 and Policy 300.7, which states: “(f) No policy can anticipate every conceivable situation of exceptional circumstance which officers may face. In all circumstances, officers are expected to exercise sound judgement and critical decision making when using force options.” Additionally, “(h) Every instance in which a firearm is discharged, including exceptional circumstances, shall be reviewed by the department on a case-by-case basis to evaluate the facts and to determine if the incident is within policy and in accordance with training.”

## Duty to Intervene



Duty to Intervene is now covered under Pittsburg Police Department Policy 300.2.1, which states: “Any officer present and observing 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 unreasonable force. Any officer who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law should promptly report these observations to a supervisor.”



## Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles



Shooting at moving vehicles is now covered under Pittsburg Police Department Policy 300.4.1, which states: “Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle are rarely effective. Officers should 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 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.”

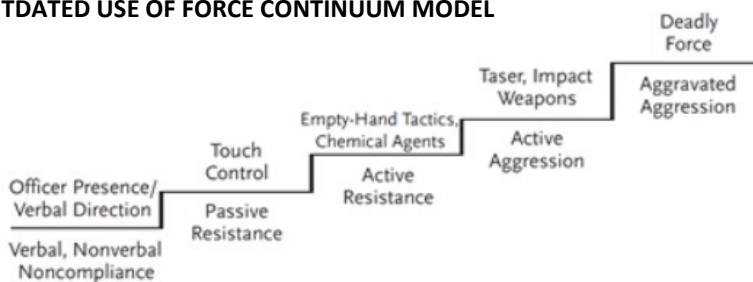
# Require Comprehensive Reporting

Require Comprehensive Reporting is covered under existing Pittsburg Police Department Policy 300.5, which states: "Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report." The Pittsburg Police Department takes additional steps by using IAPro, a tracking program that monitors all officers' use of force incidents.

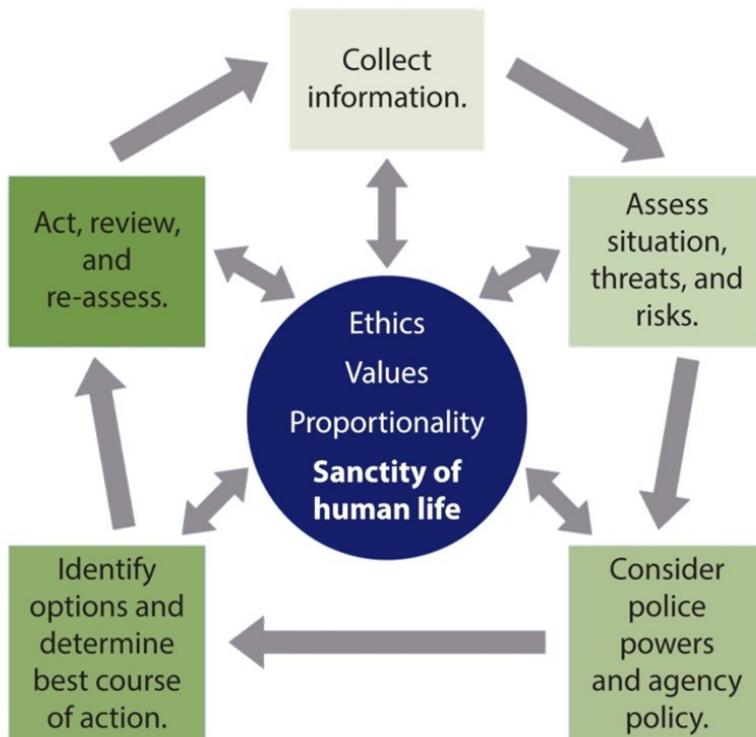
All use of force incidents go through a use of force review process by the department's Command Staff.



## OUTDATED USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM MODEL



## BEST PRACTICE CRITICAL DECISION MAKING MODEL



# Require Use of Force Continuum

All Pittsburg Police Officers receive ongoing training on the Force Continuum options as outlined in Field Training Officers Program Manual Section 1.4.4 and Policy 300.3, which includes: verbal and non-verbal communication, physical (weaponless), less lethal weapons, and firearms. Officers respond to each situation utilizing critical thinking to determine the appropriate level of force. We Adhere to the California Penal Code Section 835a, which states: "Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event."