



# **A Brief Overview of the Alhambra Police Department's Use of Force Policy**

**(Our Response to 8CANTWAIT)**



# BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS

**The use of "chokeholds" and "strangleholds" are not authorized for use by our department.**

The technique officers are trained on and use to subdue violent or combative individuals is called the Carotid Control Hold and is outlined in policy section 300.3.4. However, beginning June 9, 2020, our Department has suspended the use of the Carotid Control Hold.

"The men and women of our Alhambra Police Department are committed to continuing to build strong relationships of trust with our community."

-Chief of Police  
Tim Vu

## REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

**Our department supports the concept of De-escalation and trains using this concept.**

Officers are required to attend Interpersonal Communication and De-Escalation training certified by California POST (Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training). Every two years after this training, officers attend a refresher course. The training is in addition to the standards received in the academy and during a Field Training Program. Field Training Officers (FTOs) attend additional Crisis Intervention and De-escalation courses. Our FTOs utilize their knowledge and experience to help develop and evaluate the department's new officers.



## REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

Policy section 300.4 requires warning prior to the use of deadly force, when feasible. However, it is not always possible to warn in every situation. For example, a warning might not be provided when an officer or civilian is being fired upon or threatened at gunpoint.

# REQUIRE TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

**Our officers as well as all California Law Enforcement officers are required to adhere to mandates established in Penal Code 835(a)(2).**

Officers are trained to only use force which is reasonable to make an arrest. As a rule, the use of deadly force is only justified in certain circumstances, such as the protection of persons from imminent death or serious injury. The Use of Force policy can be found in our policy manual under section 300.



## DUTY TO INTERVENE

**Our department has strict policy regarding an officer's obligation to intervene.**

Policy section 300.2.1 states officers do have a duty to intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force and requires any officer to promptly report any excessive force.

## **BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES**

### **VEHICLES**

**Shooting at moving vehicles is rarely effective and officers should make every effort to get out of the path of a moving vehicle before shooting.**

Although rare and only after all options have been considered, there are some situations where shooting at a moving vehicle is necessary to protect the lives of innocent people. Such examples include when a vehicle is being used as a weapon against a citizen or officer or the vehicle's occupants are themselves, shooting from the moving vehicle. This topic is covered under section 300.4.1.



## **REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING**

**Policy section 300.5 requires any use of force shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately.**

## **REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM**

**Our officers are trained to use reasonable necessary force to effect an arrest as set forth in policy section 300.**

It is recognized that levels of force are used as needed. There is not a "ladder" that must be followed, and officers must have options available to choose from that are reasonable and necessary, under the circumstances.

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