

<b>DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDERS</b>	
SUBJECT: Use of Force, General	GO 1.02
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I. OBJECTIVES

To assure the continuance of professional, lawful, minimum use of necessary force by all employees associated with this department and to maintain the professional image which this department's personnel have worked diligently to nurture throughout the community for the purpose of obtaining the public's assistance in law enforcement.

II. RULES

- A. No employee shall use more force in any situation than is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.
- B. No employee shall use force other than in accordance with law and established departmental directives.
- C. No employee shall display or brandish as a threat any weapon unless its actual use in the situation would be proper. However, when it is reasonable to anticipate that they may be actually required, weapons may be readied for use.
- D. No employee shall carry or, under normal circumstances, use any weapon unless the department approves it.
- E. Any ~~officer~~ **employee, regardless of rank**, that observes another employee using force that is clearly beyond what is reasonable and necessary, has a duty to intervene by verbal and/or physical means, and to immediately report the use of force, **in writing**, to a supervisor. This same standard applies even if the employee using force is a supervisor.
- F. No employee shall use choke holds or carotid artery neck restraints. The only exception to the use of a choke hold or a carotid artery neck restraint could be when the officer involved is justified in the use of deadly force. Any officer using such force will cease immediately upon control of the subject (normally when the person has been handcuffed or no longer actively resisting) and begin the application of an appropriate medical response if needed. Officers are required to report these incidents through the process outlined in this agency's use of force reporting policy.