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WHERE WE STAND

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT OUR
USE OF FORCE POLICIES





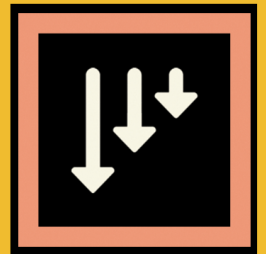
BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS

**THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT PROHIBITS
CHOKEHOLDS AND STRANGLEHOLDS**

We have previously allowed for the application of a "carotid control hold." However, we have modified our policy to prohibit the carotid control hold except during lethal force as a means of self-defense against a threat of life or serious bodily injury.



REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION
**THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT ALWAYS
STRIVES FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTIONS TO INCIDENTS**



We have training that includes de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention, and alternatives to physical force. Additionally, many of our officers have attended 40 hours

of crisis intervention training.



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

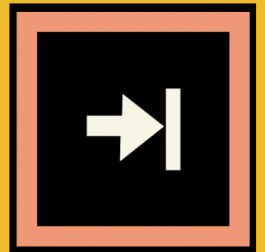
THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A WARNING BY STATE LAW

We have policy that reflects state law requirements to ensure officers make a reasonable effort to identify themselves and make clear that deadly force may be used. Officers often reinforce this behavior through repetitive training.



REQUIRED TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ALLOWS OFFICERS TO USE REASONABLE FORCE



A requirement to exhaust all alternatives before shooting is neither practical nor safe. Officers are trained to choose an option that reasonably appears necessary

given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.



DUTY TO INTERVENE

THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY ALREADY ADDRESSES THE DUTY TO INTERVENE

We have policy that requires any officer witnessing a use of force that is clearly unreasonable to stop that force and report the incident to the supervisor immediately.



BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY FORBIDS SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES TO DISABLE THEM



We have policy that recognizes the inefficiency of shooting at a moving vehicle and recommends officers move out of a vehicle's path of travel rather than discharging their

weapon. However, the policy also recognizes the possibility of no other options existing.



REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

THE BENEFITS OF OUR FORCE OPTIONS POLICY OUTWEIGHS THOSE OF THE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

We have a force options policy that allows trained officers to use the appropriate amount of force based on the totality of the circumstances when compliance, physical separation, and de-escalation are unsuccessful.



REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

THE VCCCD POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY PRACTICES COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



We have policy that requires officers to thoroughly document a variety of incidents. Furthermore, officers are required to contact a supervisor during any use of force incident, as well as complete a use of force report.



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