

Duty to Intercede

Should a San Gabriel Police Department employee witness force, by a member of this or another police agency, where the force is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances, when in a position to do so, the employee shall intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force. The employee is also required to report the incident to a San Gabriel Police supervisor.

Use Of “Chokeholds”

Chokeholds, where pressure is applied to the front of the person’s throat, shall not be utilized unless a life-threatening situation exists and no other reasonable options exist.

Use of Force Options

Our policies require that officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement

Shooting at Or from Moving Vehicles

While our policy does not ban shooting at moving vehicles, it is close to Campaign Zero’s report, which provides a similar exception. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes that other reasonable means are not immediately available to avert the threat.

Exhaust All Other Means Before Shooting

Our policy requires that if an objectively reasonable officer would consider it safe and feasible to do so under the totality of the circumstances, officers should evaluate the use of other reasonably available resources and techniques when determining whether to use deadly force.

Required Warning Before Shooting

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, unless the officer has objectively reasonable grounds to believe the person is aware of those facts.

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“Force is considered the last option in our efforts to meet community expectations. We pride ourselves on providing the most comprehensive, professional, and community responsive law enforcement services possible.”

-Chief Gene Harris

De-escalation

De-escalation is interwoven into the department’s practices and is included in the department’s policy on crisis intervention as well as in the department’s training. Officers are expected to use conflict resolution, de-escalation and field mediation techniques to stabilize an incident.

Required Comprehensive Reporting

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report. We also utilize force memos to inform supervisor and force review personnel of incidents of police use of force.