



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

### PATRICK M. DOBROW

TRAINING BULLETIN #15-029

December 10th, 2015

## CHANGES IN POLICIES 300, 302, AND 308

### REGARDING USE OF FORCE

Policy 300, 302, and 308 have gone through significant revisions. It is extremely important that you read and become familiar with them as soon as possible. This Training Bulletin has been prepared to summarize the most significant changes in the Use of Force policies. The DT Cadre will be providing Field In-service Training on these changes and department wide training on these changes will occur in the first in-service of 2016.

Forward any questions up through your chain of command.

#### **Policy 300.1.1 DEFINITIONS**

The definitions have been greatly expanded, to include Compliant, Passive Resistance, Active Resistance, Assaultive, and Aggravated Assaultive/Life Threatening.

#### **Policy 300.3.2 FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE REASONABLENESS OF FORCE**

This section has been re-organized to follow the Graham standard and should be referred to when writing any use of force report.

- Threat Factors
- Resistance
- Severity of crime/Community care taking event

#### **Policy 300.5.1 NOTIFICATION TO SUPERVISORS**

Please thoroughly review this policy to become familiar when a supervisor needs to be notified of a use of force.

There are more “reportable” uses of force:

#### **Added reportable uses of force**

- Level I LNR is now a reportable Use of Force

Public Safety Building • 1100 W. Mallon Avenue • Spokane, Washington 99260-0001



- All impact weapon applications
- All personal impact weapon applications (Strikes)
- All OC or CS deployments

**As Policy lists, reportable use of force:**

Supervisory notification shall be made as soon as practicable following the application of force in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) The application of force resulted in apparent injury to the subject or unconsciousness (with the exception of minor marks on the wrist consistent with being handcuffed and/or minor marks or abrasions to portions of the body consistent with prone handcuffing);
- (b) The subject claims an injury resulted from a use of force, even if no injury is visible (with the exception of minor marks on the wrist consistent with being handcuffed and/or minor marks or abrasions to portions of the body consistent with prone handcuffing);
- (c) All applications of a Lateral Neck Restraint (Level I and Level II) (see Policy 308);
- (d) All applications of a Conducted Energy Weapon (e.g. TASER™) (See Policy 309);
- (e) The intentional discharge of firearms (with the exception of training or recreation) (See Policy 312);
- (f) Use of the Draw and Direct technique with a firearm (does not include the mere un-holstering of a handgun or shouldering of a long gun);
- (g) Any deployment of OC by means of spray or by means of physically or mechanically delivered techniques where a person is exposed to the substance (See Policy 308);
- (h) Any deployment of CS by means of a spray or by means of physically or mechanically delivered techniques where a person is exposed to the substance (see Policy 308);
- (i) Any application of an impact weapon whether personal, issued or improvised to a subject (See Policy 308);
- (j) Any canine deployment where a reportable contact has occurred (See Policy 318); and
- (k) When an individual alleges any of the above has occurred.

**Policy 300.7.4 INTERNAL AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITY – DEADLY FORCE**

**New procedure in Deadly Force situations:**

Officer-involved shootings are listed as a Use of Force and IA will complete the Blue Team Use of Force report.

**Policy 302.2 USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

Use of Force Review Board will debrief all Level II LNR applications.

**Policy 308.3.2 LATERAL NECK RESTRAINT (LNR)**

**Medical Assistance Requirements**

- Anyone unconscious from an LNR will receive medical evaluation, whether it was Level II or if the person inadvertently became unconscious during a Level I.

**Policy 308.5.3 USER RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND DEVICES)**

Public Safety Building • 1100 W. Mallon Avenue • Spokane, Washington 99260-0001



**Describes the minimum force option control devices carried by an officer: Although only 2 are required it is still highly encouraged that officers carry all three control devices.**

- Commissioned Officers operating in a patrol capacity shall carry a minimum of two of the following three control devices:
  - \*Baton
  - \*TASER
  - \*OC
- Commissioned Officers operating in a modified uniform capacity where there is a potential for detention, apprehension or control of a subject shall carry a minimum of two of the following three control devices:
  - \*Baton
  - \*TASER
  - \*OC



