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San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Policies



BANS CHOKEHOLDS &
STRANGLEHOLDS



REQUIRES
DE-ESCALATION



REQUIRES WARNING
BEFORE SHOOTING



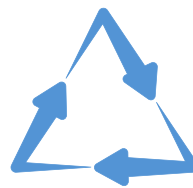
REQUIRES EXHAUST
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DUTY TO
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BANS SHOOTING
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REQUIRES DE-ESCALATION

Deputies and correctional officers
are trained on

- De-escalation Tactics
- Crisis Intervention Training
- Advanced Crisis Intervention Training

In addition we have the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) a specialized unit that pairs a Sheriff's Detective and Mental Health Clinician from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. This team focuses on Sheriff's Office cases involving known or suspected mental illness. PERT also serves as a resource for deputies in the field when they interact with members of the public who live with mental illness. PERT provides consultation to deputies and assists them in finding applicable resources and solutions to help promote a peaceful outcome.



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REQUIRES WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

The Sheriff's Office trains its employees to, when feasible, provide a verbal warning and opportunity to comply prior to the use of OC Spray, Pepper Projectile Systems, Baton, Tear Gas, Specialty Impact Munitions, Canine, the TASER™, and Firearm.



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REQUIRES EXHAUST
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The Sheriff's Office trains its employees that if an objectively reasonable deputy would consider it safe and feasible to do so under the totality of the circumstances, deputies should evaluate the use of other reasonably available resources and techniques when determining whether to use deadly force. The use of deadly force is only justified in the following circumstances (Penal Code § 835a)



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DUTY TO INTERVENE

The Sheriff's Office policy and Code of Conduct states, "Deputies are required to intervene when present and observing another deputy using force that is clearly beyond that which is necessary, as determined by an objectively reasonable deputy under the circumstances, taking into account the possibility that other deputies may have additional information regarding the threat posed by a subject. Deputies shall promptly report any use of unnecessary force and the efforts made to intervene to a supervisor."



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BANS SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

A deputy should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the deputy reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the deputy or others. Deputies should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle. Deputies shall not discharge a firearm from his/her moving vehicle. Deputies should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants.



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UTILIZES USE OF FORCE
CONTINUUM

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When the use of force is necessary and appropriate a deputy shall, to the extent possible utilize an escalation scale of options and will not employ a more forceful measure unless it is determined that a lower level of force would not be adequate.



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REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE
REPORTING

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The Sheriff's Office mandates that any use of force by a member of the Sheriff's Office shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The deputy should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances. To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis and related purposes, the Office may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in Office policy, procedure or law.



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