



1. **REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION:** Requires officers to de-escalation situations – (Policy 308.5 KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILE GUIDELINES) This department is committed to reducing the potential for violent confrontations. We value and seek the peaceful resolution of incidents. Our department policy currently includes de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention techniques, and consideration of alternatives to physical force such as Kinetic energy projectiles, which when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation.
2. **DUTY TO INTERVENE:** Our policy (300.2.1) addresses this and states "Any officer present and observing another using force that is clearly beyond what is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, should intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force."
3. **BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS:** Chokeholds and strangleholds are **strictly prohibited** by the Chico Police Department. Like most California agencies, we have a policy, (300.3.4), on the use of the carotid control hold. We currently have an Interim Directive from Chief Madden to suspend the use of the carotid control hold, except in situation when an officer is defending against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.

4. **REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING:** Per our policy (308.11), control devices may be used when a decision has been made to control, restrain or arrest a subject who is violent or who demonstrates the intent to be violent, and the use of the device appears reasonable under the circumstances. When reasonable, a verbal warning and opportunity to comply should precede the use of these devices. Policy 309.4 VERBAL AND VISUAL WARNINGS states a verbal warning of the intended use of the Electronic Control Device should precede its application, unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of officers or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances. The purpose of the warning is to: Provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply. Provide other officers and individuals with a warning that the ECD may be deployed.
5. **BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES:** Our policy (300.4.1) states that firing at or from a moving vehicle is rarely effective. Officers should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer 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 officer or others.
6. **REQUIRE EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING:** Our policy (300.4) states 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.
7. **REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM:** The use of force policy (300.2) by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. Officers are involved on a daily basis in numerous and varied interactions and, when warranted, may use reasonable force in carrying out their duties. Officers must have an understanding of, and true appreciation for, their authority and limitations. This is especially true with respect to overcoming resistance while engaged in the performance of law enforcement duties. The Department recognizes and respects the value of all human life and dignity without prejudice to anyone. vesting officers with the authority to use reasonable force and to protect the public welfare requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all interests.
8. **REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING:** Our department has a thorough reporting and review process for use of force incidents in compliance with our policy (300.5). Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer 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 Department may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure or law.