



IRVING

POLICE DEPARTMENT

General Orders—Response to Resistance—303.00
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BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS



The Irving Police Department prohibits all types of chokeholds and strangleholds, to include the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR), as a use of force option.

REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION



De-escalation has been a guiding principle of the Irving Police Department's response to resistance training for years. IPD officers will continually assess options, utilizing de-escalation techniques & will only apply force that is objectively reasonable to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting officers & others. The use of force will be in accordance with Irving Police Department Training.

REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING



Unfortunately, deadly force incidents can unfold very rapidly and may require split-second reactions that negate the practicality of verbal warnings. Although the department's response to resistance policy does not require warnings before using deadly force, the de-escalation principles taught in our scenario-based training reinforce communication skills aimed at minimizing the application of force.

EXHAUST ALL OTHER MEANS BEFORE SHOOTING



The response to resistance policy requires officers to use only objectively reasonable force based on the circumstances known at the time. Unreasonable force is prohibited. It is neither practical nor safe to require attempts at force options that are likely to be ineffective in instances when officers or third parties face an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death.

DUTY TO INTERVENE



Intervention to prevent excessive force is strongly encouraged in training. It is also an obligation in G.O. 805.03(A)(3) which states any employee who observes another employee willfully mistreating anyone or using force that is clearly unreasonable shall intervene to prevent mistreatment or the use of excessive force. Employees shall promptly report their observations to a supervisor.

BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES



Our response to resistance policy prohibits firing at or from a moving vehicle unless the officer reasonably believes that deadly force is immediately necessary to protect their life or the life of another. Additionally, instead of firing a gun at occupants, officers are required, when feasible, to move out of a vehicle's path to a position of cover.

REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM



Officers receive extensive de-escalation training and are taught to only use the amount of force that is reasonably necessary in response to the perceived threat.

REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING



All use of force incidents are required to be reported, documented and reviewed by a chain of supervisors and then analyzed by our use of force committee, the Professional Standards Section and the Chief of Police.

Our Response to Resistance policy was revised in 2016, adopting recommendations from the President's Commission on 21st Century Policing. The Irving Police Department has been a "Recognized Best Practices Agency" by the Texas Police Chiefs Association since 2009. The Irving Police Department is one of only a select few agencies in Texas (2%) to have this status. The Irving Police Department is committed to positive change in our community.