

**1311.00 USE OF FORCE**

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| Scope: | The policies and procedures contained within constitute a directive for members of the University of California Police Department (UCPD). They were created to provide direction and guidance to the members of the UCPD and provide the framework of coordination for the protection of the population and resources of the University of California. |

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I. POLICY SUMMARY

The Systemwide UCPD Use of Force Policy outlines how University of California Police Department (UCPD) officers are expected to use force and how they are expected to prioritize the safety, dignity, and rights of every person in our community. This policy reflects the university's commitment to fair, equitable, and humane policing, where protecting life and upholding trust are the guiding principles in every encounter.

While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situation, every sworn member of UCPD is expected to use this policy to make decisions in a professional, impartial, and reasonable manner. Officers are trained to de-escalate whenever possible, to use clear communication, and to seek resolutions before resorting to physical force.

Officers are required by California law to intercede and report if they observe another officer using excessive or unnecessary force. This law reinforces a culture of accountability, transparency, and peer responsibility. Every incident involving force must be documented, reviewed by supervisors, and reported to appropriate state and university offices for oversight.

The policy also requires annual training on de-escalation, mental health awareness, and the legal and ethical standards of force. Medical care must be provided immediately to anyone injured or in distress following an incident.

II. POLICY TEXT

1311.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy applies to the use of force by members of this Department. This policy applies to both sworn and non-sworn members unless otherwise specified. While there is no way to specify the exact amount or type of reasonable force to be applied in any situation, every member of this Department is expected to use this policy to make such decisions in a professional, impartial, and reasonable manner ([Cal. Government Code § 7286](#)).

In addition to those methods, techniques, and tools set forth below, the guidelines for the reasonable use of force contained in this policy shall apply to all policies addressing the potential use of force, including but not limited to the use of Control Devices and Techniques, Conducted Energy Devices, and Firearms.

Retaliation prohibitions for reporting suspected violations of this policy are located in the Anti-Retaliation Policy ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(4\)](#)).

1311.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Active Resistance - Intentionally and unlawfully opposing the lawful order of a peace officer in the form of physically evasive movements to defeat an officer's lawful attempt at control, including but not limited to bracing, tensing, running away, or verbally or physically signaling an intention to avoid or prevent being taken into or retained in custody.

Deadly force - Any use of force that creates a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury, including but not limited to the discharge of a firearm ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

Excessive force – Force that is objectively unreasonable based the facts and circumstances of the situation and based on the perspective of a reasonable officer in the same situation and based on the totality of circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time.

Feasible - Reasonably capable of being done or carried out under the circumstances to successfully achieve the arrest or lawful objective without increasing risk to the officer or another person ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(a\)](#)).

Force - The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person, except in the following situations:

- a) When applying physical techniques or tactics to escort, direct movement, handcuff, restrain or search with no visible injury or complaint of injury to a compliant subject.
- b) When applying a spit mask or spit hood on a subject to prevent spitting.
- c) When applying a firm grip control (e.g., wrist lock or other control holds) that does not result in injury, the appearance of injury, or complaint of injury (e.g., the use of a grip to control a person's hands while searching or handcuffing)
- d) When applying the use of physical techniques or tactics to assist an intoxicated person or a person with a physical disability that does not result in the appearance of injury, or complaint of injury (e.g., lifting an intoxicated person to a standing position).
- e) When applying physical techniques on a subject who is non-compliant exhibiting passive resistance (e.g., includes subjects who remain in a sitting, standing, or limp or prone positions without holding on to fixed objects or other persons in an attempt to delay or resist arrest).

Imminent - Pursuant to Cal. Penal Code [§ 835a\(e\)\(2\)](#), a threat of death or serious bodily injury is imminent when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or another person. Imminent harm, therefore, is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how great the fear, and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is one that, from a totality of the circumstances known to the officer at any given time, must be instantly confronted and addressed.

Intercede - Includes, but is not limited to, physical and/or verbal intervention to stop the excessive use of force when safe and reasonable to do so, recording the excessive force if equipped with a body-worn camera, notifying dispatch, notifying a supervisor and documenting all efforts to intervene.

Necessary - It is the intent of the Legislature that peace officers use deadly force only when necessary, in defense of human life and based on the totality of the

circumstances of a particular situation. Necessity is based on the objectively reasonable standard established by [Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386 \(1989\)](#).

Objectively Reasonable - The legal standard used to determine the lawfulness of a use of force is based on the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. See [Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386 \(1989\)](#). Graham states, in part, "The reasonableness of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight. The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation. The test of reasonableness is not capable of precise definition or mechanical application." The force must be reasonable under the circumstances known to or reasonably believed by the officer at the time the force was used. Therefore, an agency will examine all uses of force from an objective standard rather than a subjective standard.

Non-Compliant - The subject refuses to comply with officer's lawful commands or cooperate with an officer's directions. Includes passive resistance where the subject uses dead weight to prevent being taken into custody. (e.g., subjects who remain in a sitting, standing, or limp or prone positions without holding on to fixed objects or other persons in an attempt to delay or resist arrest).

Serious bodily injury - A serious impairment requiring professional medical treatment of a physical condition, including, but not limited to, the following: loss of consciousness; concussion; bone fracture; protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ; a wound requiring extensive suturing; and serious disfigurement ([Cal. Penal Code § 243\(f\)\(4, 5\)](#)).

Totality of the circumstances - All facts known to or perceived by the officer at the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of force ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

1311.2 POLICY

The use of force 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 UC Police 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.

1311.2.1 FAIR AND UNBIASED USE OF FORCE

Officers are expected to carry out their duties, including the use of force, in a manner that is fair and unbiased ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(11\)](#)). Refer to Bias-Based Policing Policy for additional guidance.

1311.2.2 DUTY TO INTERCEDE

Any officer present and observing another law enforcement officer or an employee using force that is clearly beyond that which is necessary, as determined by an objectively reasonable officer under the circumstances, shall, when in a position to do so, intercede (as defined by [Cal. Government Code § 7286\(9\)](#)) to prevent the use of unreasonable force.

When observing force used by a law enforcement officer, each officer should take into account the totality of the circumstances and the possibility that other law enforcement officers may have additional information regarding the threat posed by the subject ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(9\)](#)).

1311.2.3 FAILURE TO INTERCEDE

An officer who has received the required training on the duty to intercede and then fails to act to intercede when required by this policy and the law, may be disciplined in the same manner as the officer who used force beyond that which is necessary ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(19\)](#)).

1311.2.4 DUTY TO REPORT EXCESSIVE FORCE

In addition to a duty to intercede, when possible, any officer who observes a law enforcement officer use force that potentially exceeds what the observing officer reasonably believes to be necessary shall report their observations to a supervisor as soon as it is safe and feasible to do so ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(3\)](#)).

1311.3 USE OF FORCE

Officers shall use only that amount of force that is reasonably 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 purpose ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

The reasonableness of force will be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene at the time of the incident. Any evaluation of reasonableness must allow for the fact that officers are often forced to make split-second decisions about the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary in a particular situation, with limited information and in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving.

Given that no policy can realistically predict every possible situation an officer might encounter, officers are entrusted to use well-reasoned discretion in determining the appropriate use and level of force in each incident. Officers may only use a level of force that they reasonably believe is proportional to the seriousness of the suspected offense or the reasonably perceived level of actual or threatened resistance ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(2\)](#)).

It is also recognized that circumstances may arise in which officers reasonably believe that it would be impossible, impractical or ineffective to use any of the approved or authorized tools, weapons, or methods provided by the Department. Officers may find it more effective or reasonable to improvise their response to rapidly unfolding conditions that they are confronting. In such circumstances, the use of any improvised device or method must be objectively reasonable and utilized only to the degree that reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

While the ultimate objective of every law enforcement encounter is to avoid or minimize injury, nothing in this policy requires an officer to retreat or be exposed to possible physical injury before applying reasonable and necessary force.

1311.3.1 ALTERNATIVE TACTICS - DE-ESCALATION

As time and circumstances reasonably permit, and when community and officer safety would not be compromised, officers should consider actions that may increase officer safety and may decrease the need for using force:

- a) Summoning additional resources that are able to respond in a reasonably timely manner.
- b) Formulating a plan with responding officers before entering an unstable situation that does not reasonably appear to require immediate intervention.
- c) Employing other tactics that do not unreasonably increase officer jeopardy.

In addition, when reasonable, officers should evaluate the totality of circumstances presented at the time in each situation and, when feasible, consider and utilize reasonably available alternative tactics and techniques that may persuade an individual to voluntarily comply or may mitigate the need to use a higher level of force to resolve the situation before applying force ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(1\)](#)). Such alternatives may include but are not limited to:

- a) Attempts to de-escalate a situation.
- b) If reasonably available, the use of crisis intervention techniques by properly trained personnel.

1311.3.2 USE OF FORCE TO EFFECT AN ARREST

Any peace officer may use objectively reasonable force to effect an arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance. A peace officer who makes or attempts to make an

arrest need not retreat or desist from his/her efforts by reason of resistance or threatened resistance on the part of the person being arrested; nor shall an officer be deemed the aggressor or lose his/her right to self-defense by the use of reasonable force to effect the arrest, prevent escape, or to overcome resistance. Retreat does not mean tactical repositioning or other de-escalation techniques ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

1311.3.3 FACTORS USED TO DETERMINE THE REASONABLENESS OF FORCE

When determining whether to apply force and evaluating whether an officer has used reasonable force, a number of factors should be taken into consideration, as time and circumstances permit ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(21\)](#)). These factors include, but are not limited to:

- a) The apparent immediacy and severity of the threat to officers or others ([Penal Code § 835a](#)).
- b) The conduct of the individual being confronted, as reasonably perceived by the officer at the time (Penal Code § 835a).
- c) Officer/subject factors (age, size, relative strength, skill level, injuries sustained, level of exhaustion or fatigue, the number of officers available vs. subjects).
- d) The conduct of the involved officer(s) leading up to the use of force (Cal. Penal Code § 835a).
- e) The effects of suspected drugs or alcohol.
- f) The individual's apparent mental state, mental health, or capacity (Cal. Penal Code § 835a).
- g) The individual's apparent ability to understand and comply with officer commands (Penal Code § 835a).
- h) Proximity of weapons or dangerous improvised devices.
- i) The degree to which the subject has been effectively restrained and his/her ability to resist despite being restrained.
- j) The availability of other reasonable and feasible options and their possible effectiveness (Cal. Penal Code § 835a).
- k) Seriousness of the suspected offense or reason for contact with the individual prior to and at the time force is used.
- l) Training and experience of the officer.
- m) Potential for injury to officers, suspects, bystanders, and others.
- n) Whether the person appears to be resisting, attempting to evade arrest by flight, or is attacking the officer.
- o) The risk and reasonably foreseeable consequences of escape.
- p) The apparent need for immediate control of the subject or a prompt resolution of the situation.

- q) Whether the conduct of the individual being confronted no longer reasonably appears to pose an imminent threat to the officer or others.
- r) Prior contacts with the subject or awareness of any propensity for violence.
- s) Any other exigent circumstances.

1311.3.4 PAIN COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES

Pain compliance techniques may be effective in controlling a physically or actively resisting individual. Officers should apply those pain compliance techniques for which they have successfully completed Department-approved training. Officers utilizing any pain compliance technique should consider:

- a) The degree to which the application of the technique may be controlled given the level of resistance.
- b) Whether the person can comply with the direction or orders of the officer.
- c) Whether the person has been given sufficient opportunity to comply.

The application of any pain compliance technique shall be discontinued once the officer determines that compliance has been achieved.

1311.3.5 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CAROTID CONTROL HOLD

Officers of this Department are not authorized to use a carotid restraint hold. A carotid restraint means a vascular neck restraint or any similar restraint, hold, or other defensive tactic in which pressure is applied to the sides of a person's neck that involves a substantial risk of restricting blood flow and may render the person unconscious in order to subdue or control the person ([Cal Government Code § 7286.5](#)).

1311.3.6 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF A CHOKE HOLD

Officers of this Department are not authorized to use a choke hold. A choke hold means any defensive tactic or force option in which direct pressure is applied to a person's trachea or windpipe ([Cal. Government Code § 7286.5](#)).

1311.3.7 ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Officers are not authorized to use any restraint or transportation method which might impair an individual's breathing or respiratory capacity for a period beyond the point when the individual has been adequately and safely controlled. Once the individual is safely secured, officers should promptly check and continuously monitor the individual's condition for signs of medical distress ([Cal. Government Code § 7286.5](#)).

1311.3.8 USE OF FORCE TO SEIZE EVIDENCE

In general, officers may use reasonable force to lawfully seize evidence and to prevent the destruction of evidence. However, officers are discouraged from using force solely

to prevent a person from swallowing evidence or contraband. In the instance when force is used, officers are encouraged to use techniques and methods taught for this specific purpose.

1311.4 DEADLY FORCE APPLICATIONS

When feasible, the officer shall, prior to the use of deadly 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 already aware of those facts ([Cal. Penal Code 835a](#)).

If an objectively reasonable officer would consider it safe and feasible to do so under the totality of the circumstances, officers shall evaluate and use other reasonably available resources and techniques when determining whether to use deadly force. In addition, to the extent it is reasonably practical, officers should consider their surroundings and any potential risks to bystanders prior to discharging a firearm ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(6\)](#)).

The use of deadly force is only justified when the officer reasonably believes it is necessary in the following circumstances ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)):

- a) An officer may use deadly force to protect themselves or others from what reasonably believes is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person.
- b) An officer may use deadly force to apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless immediately apprehended.

Officers shall not use deadly force against a person based on the danger that person poses to themselves if an objectively reasonable officer would believe the person does not pose an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

Additionally, an officer shall not use deadly force against a person whose actions are a threat solely to property unless the person poses an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or others in close proximity.

An "imminent" threat of death or serious bodily injury exists when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another person. An officer's subjective fear of future harm alone is insufficient as an imminent threat. An imminent threat is one that from appearances is reasonably believed to require instant attention ([Cal. Penal Code § 835a](#)).

1311.4.1 SHOOTING AT OR FROM MOVING VEHICLES

Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle are rarely effective and may involve additional considerations and risks. Officers shall not discharge their firearms from a moving

vehicle unless exigent circumstances exist that can be clearly articulated. When feasible, officers should take reasonable steps to 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 believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the imminent threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(20\)](#)).

Officers should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle.

1311.4.2 DISPLAYING OF FIREARMS

Given that individuals might perceive the display of a firearm as a potential application of force, officers should carefully evaluate each tactical situation and use sound discretion when drawing a firearm in public. ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(5\)](#)):

- (a) If the officer does not initially perceive a threat but reasonably believes that the potential for such threat exists, firearms should generally be kept in the low-ready or other position not directed toward an individual.
- (b) If an officer reasonably believes that a threat exists based on the totality of circumstances presented at the time (e.g., high-risk stop, tactical entry, armed encounter, threatened use of force), firearms may be pointed in a manner reasonable for the situation.

Once it is reasonably safe to do so, officers should carefully secure all firearms.

When a firearm is drawn or exhibited to gain compliance from a subject the circumstances shall be documented in a CAD, criminal, or incident report. The requirement to report the incident does not apply to a firearm kept at the low-ready or other positions where an officer does not intentionally point a firearm directly at an individual.

1311.5 REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE

Any on-duty or off-duty use of force by any member of this Department shall be reported and documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report. The officer should fully articulate the factors perceived and why the officer 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 reports, as specified in Department policy, procedure, or law. See the Report Preparation Policy for additional circumstances that may require documentation."

Any Use of Force during a University of California Campus Mutual Aid or Systemwide Response Team (SRT) event shall be reported and documented by the host campus. The host campus will notify the involved officer's Chief of Police as soon as practicable and provide all reports for management review. The host campus will report the use of

force incident to UCOP as part of the Community Safety Plan and the involved officer's department will be responsible for any POST or DOJ mandated reporting.

1311.5.1 REPORT RESTRICTIONS

Officers shall not use the term "excited delirium" to describe an individual in an incident report. Officers may describe the characteristics of an individual's conduct, but shall not generally describe the individual's demeanor, conduct, or physical and mental condition at issue as "excited delirium" ([Health and Safety Code § 24402](#)).

1311.5.2 NOTIFICATION TO SUPERVISORS

Any use of force by an officer shall be reported immediately to a supervisor, including but not limited to the following circumstances ([Cal. Penal Code § 832.13](#)):

- a) The application caused a visible injury.
- b) The application would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary discomfort.
- c) The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.
- d) The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation in regards to force used.
- e) Any application of a Conducted Energy Device or control device.
- f) Any application of a restraint device that is not approved by the Department.
- g) The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.
- h) An individual was struck or kicked.
- i) An individual alleges unreasonable force was used or that any of the above has occurred.

As used in this subsection, "immediately" means as soon as it is safe and feasible to do so.

1311.5.3 REPORTING TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Statistical data regarding all officer-involved shootings and incidents involving the use of force resulting in serious bodily injury is to be reported to the California Department of Justice as required by [Cal. Government Code § 12525.2](#). See the Records Bureau Policy.

1311.6 MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Once it is reasonably safe to do so, properly trained officers should promptly provide or procure medical assistance for any person injured or claiming to have been injured in a use of force incident ([Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(15\)](#)).

Medical assistance shall be rendered as quickly as reasonably possible for any person who exhibits signs of physical distress, who has sustained visible injury, expresses a complaint of injury or continuing pain, or who was rendered unconscious following a

use of force. Any individual exhibiting signs of physical distress after an encounter should be continuously monitored until the individual can be medically assessed.

Persons who exhibit extreme agitation, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond their physical characteristics, and imperviousness to pain, or who require a protracted physical encounter with multiple officers to be brought under control, may be at an increased risk of sudden death. Calls involving these persons should be considered medical emergencies. Officers who reasonably suspect a medical emergency should request medical assistance as soon as practicable and have medical personnel stage away if appropriate.

Based upon the officer's initial assessment of the nature and extent of the subject's injuries or medical condition medical assistance may consist of examination by fire personnel, paramedics, hospital staff, or medical staff at the jail. If any such individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal shall be fully documented in related reports and, whenever practicable, should be witnessed by another officer and/or medical personnel. If a recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included in the recording, if possible.

The on-scene supervisor or, if the on-scene supervisor is not available, the primary handling officer shall ensure that any person providing medical care or receiving custody of a person following any use of force is informed that the person was subjected to force. This notification shall include a description of the force used and any other circumstances the officer reasonably believes would be potential safety or medical risks to the subject (e.g., prolonged struggle, extreme agitation, impaired respiration).

See the Medical Aid and Response Policy for additional guidelines.

1311.7 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY

A supervisor should respond to any reported use of force, if reasonably available. The responding supervisor is expected to complete a Supervisor's Use of Force Report to include the following [\(Government Code § 7286\(b\)\)](#):

- a) Basic facts from the involved officers. Absent an allegation of misconduct or excessive force, this will be considered a routine contact in the normal course of duties.
- b) Ensure that any injured parties are medically examined and treated.
- c) When possible, separately obtain a recorded interview with the subject upon whom force was applied. If this interview is conducted without the person having voluntarily waived their Miranda rights, the following shall apply:
 1. The content of the interview should not be summarized or included in any related criminal charges.
 2. The fact that a recorded interview was conducted should be documented in a property or other report.
 3. The recording of the interview should be distinctly marked for retention until all potential for civil litigation has expired.

- d) Once the initial medical assessment has been completed and/or treatment has been rendered, ensure that photographs have been taken of any areas involving visible injury or complaint of pain from both the subject(s) and involved officer(s), including uninjured areas, as well as overall photographs of the involved subject(s) and officer(s). These photographs should be retained until all potential for civil litigation has expired.
- e) Identify any witnesses not already included in related reports and obtain a statement.
- f) Review and approve all related reports to ensure thorough and accurate documentation of the use of force.
- g) Determine if there is any indication that the subject may pursue civil litigation.
 - 1. If there is an indication of potential civil litigation, the supervisor should complete and route a notification of a potential claim through the appropriate channels.
- h) Evaluate the circumstances surrounding the incident and initiate an administrative investigation if there is a question of policy non-compliance or if for any reason further investigation may be appropriate.

In the event that a supervisor is unable to respond to the scene of an incident involving the reported application of force, the supervisor is still expected to complete as many of the above items as circumstances permit.

1311.7.1 COMMAND LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief of Police or designee shall assign a member of their command staff to review each use of force incident by any personnel within their command to ensure compliance with this policy and to address any training issues. The assigned command staff member is responsible for reviewing the Use of Force Report (e.g., Supervisor's Use of Force Review, crime and arrest reports, photographs, and/or other pertinent information). After the final review, the Chief of Police or designee will ensure custody and storage of the Use of Force Report.

1311.7.2 REASSIGNMENT FROM REGULAR DUTIES

Any officer whose use of force results in serious physical harm or death to another will be temporarily reassigned from any field duties, minimally until the completion of a command level review as described in this policy.

See the Personnel Complaints Policy for additional guidelines.

1311.8 USE OF FORCE COMPLAINTS

The receipt, processing, and investigation of civilian complaints involving use of force incidents shall be handled in accordance with the Personnel Complaints Policy ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(8\)](#)).

1311.9 TRAINING

Officers, investigators, and supervisors will receive annual training on this policy and the law and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(16\)](#)).

13119.1 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Required annual training shall include:

- a) Legal updates.
- b) De-escalation tactics, including alternatives to force.
- c) The duty to intercede.
- d) The duty to request and/or render medical aid.
- e) Warning shots (see the Firearms Policy).
- f) All other subjects covered in this policy (e.g., use of deadly force, chokeholds and carotid holds, discharge of a firearm at or from a moving vehicle, verbal warnings).
- g) Training courses required by and consistent with POST guidelines set forth in [Penal Code § 13519.10](#).

See the Training Policy for restrictions relating to officers who are the subject of a sustained use of force complaint.

1311.9.2 STATE-SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Required state-specific training shall include guidelines regarding vulnerable populations, including but not limited to children, elderly persons, pregnant individuals, and individuals with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities ([Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(17\)](#)).

1311.10 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

At least annually, the [Division/Operations] [Lieutenant/Commander] shall prepare an analysis report on use of force incidents. The report shall be submitted to the Chief of Police by the end of February. The report shall not contain the names of officers, suspects, or case numbers, and shall include:

- a) The identification of any trends in the use of force by members.
- b) Training needs recommendations.
- c) Equipment needs recommendations.
- d) Policy revision recommendations.

1311.11 POLICY REVIEW

The Chief of Police or authorized designee should regularly review and update this policy to reflect developing practices and procedures ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(23\)](#)).

1311.12 POLICY AVAILABILITY

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall ensure this policy is accessible to the public ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(c\)](#)).

1311.13 PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS FOR OFFICERS PERSONNEL RECORDS

Requests for public records involving an officer's personnel records shall be processed in accordance with [Cal. Penal Code § 832.7](#), Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights, and the Personnel Records and Records Maintenance and Release policies ([Cal. Government Code § 7286\(b\)\(7\)](#)).

III. COMPLIANCE / RESPONSIBILITIES

Each Chief of Police has the responsibility to adopt and publish policies and procedures for the assistance and guidance of the members of their individual campus police departments. Policies and Procedures for campus police departments issued by authority of the Chief of Police shall have the same authority as these Policies.

Local regulations, including General and Special Orders, Procedural Memoranda and instructions may be written more restrictively than Policies Applying to University of California Police Department, however they may not be written to supplant or diminish the Policies and Procedures contained within this Systemwide document.

IV. RELATED INFORMATION

Not applicable

V. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Not applicable

VI. REVISION HISTORY

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