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Detroit Police Department

Use of Force Training

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Force Continuum

The force continuum is a model developed for illustrative purposes, defining the various levels of resistance and force exercised during a use of force incident. The continuum is based on the concept that as the resistive individual(s) increases the level of resistance or threat to the officer, the officer may increase the level of force necessary to overcome the resistance and conversely de-escalate and/or disengage as compliance is attained.



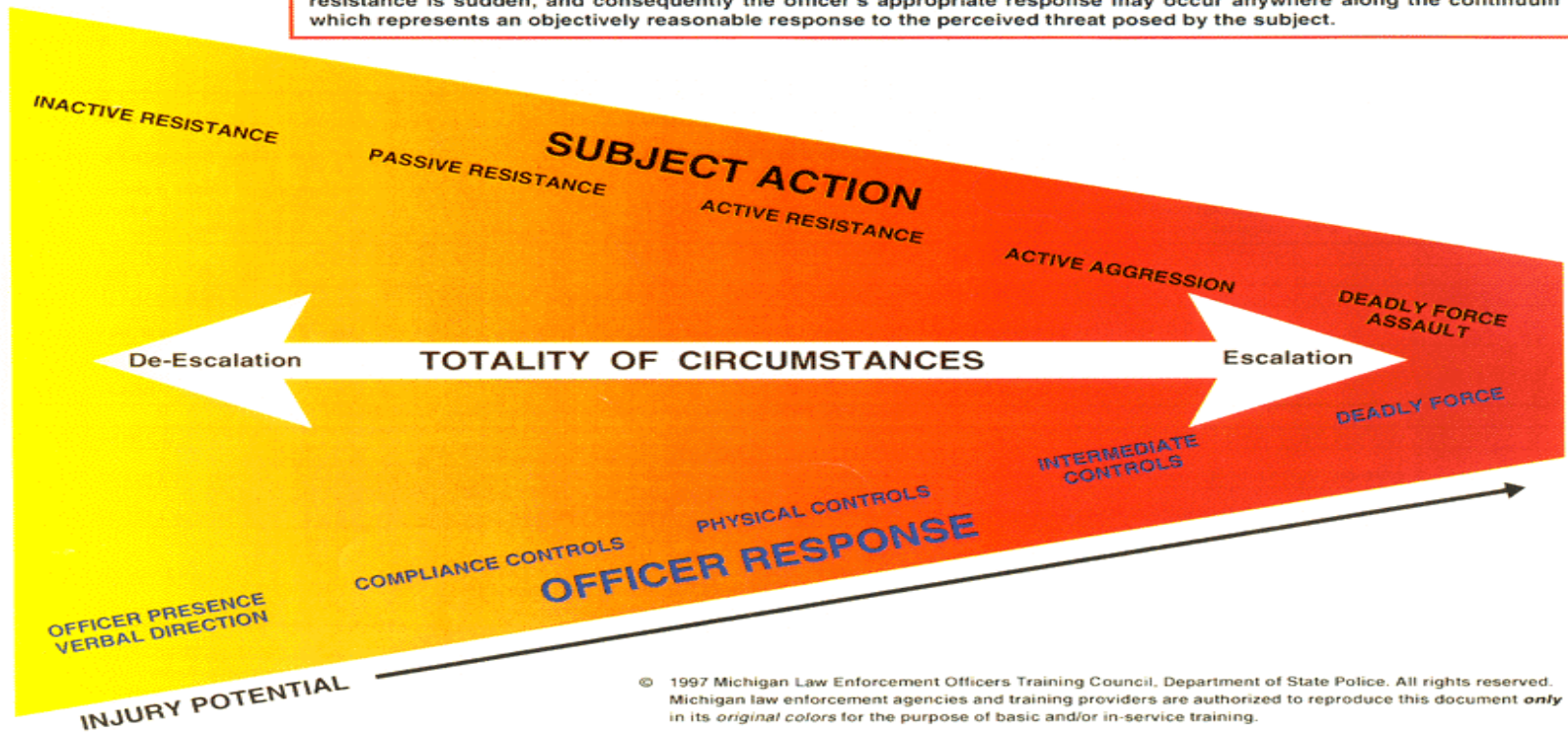
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MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-SUBJECT CONTROL CONTINUUM

A Guide for Escalation and De-Escalation of Subject Control

CAUTION: It is not possible for these Guidelines to cover all of the possible situations that occur within the law enforcement officer's job. Therefore, this continuum is offered only as a general guide to using force in confrontation or arrest situations. The officer must understand that situations occur where the escalation and/or de-escalation of resistance is sudden, and consequently the officer's appropriate response may occur anywhere along the continuum which represents an objectively reasonable response to the perceived threat posed by the subject.





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Training Hours

Mandatory In-Service Training:

- Use of Force Reporting
- Use of Force Investigation
- Firearms Training
- Taser X2 (Recertification)

Total Training Hours: 23.0

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Basic Recruit Training:

- Subject Control
- Firearms Training
- Chemical Spray
- Use of Force Reporting
- Taser X2

Total Training Hours: 164



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Detroit Police Department Policies

- Directive 304.2 Use of Force
- Directive 201.11 Use of Force and Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigation
- Directive 202.1 Arrest
- Directive 201.4 Canine (K-9) Operations
- Directive 304.1 Firearms
- Directive 304.3 Chemical Spray Device
- Training Directive 19-03 Taser X2 Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW)



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Use of Force

Authorization:

Use of force is only authorized when it is objectively reasonable under the circumstances:

- For a lawful purpose
- Minimum amount of force necessary to effect an arrest
- To protect the officer or
- To protect another person



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- The term “force” means the following actions by an officer: any physical strike or instrumental contact with a person; any intentional physical strike or instrumental contact that does not take effect; or any significant physical contact that restricts the movement of a person.
- Which includes:
 - Discharge of a firearm
 - Use of chemical spray
 - Hard hands
 - Taking of a subject to the ground
 - Canine Deployment
- Three (3) categories for Use of Force



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Category 3 Use of Force

(Investigated by the parent command)

Category 3 Uses of Force include:

- Physical Controls - forcibly handcuffing, restriction of movement, straight arm takedown (no injuries or complaint of);
- The use of a PR-24 as a compliance tool to assist in forcibly handcuffing (However, any strike with a PR-24 shall be investigated as a Category 1 or 2); and
- Deployment of Chemical Spray.



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Category 2 Use of Force

(Investigated by the parent command)

Category 2 Uses of Force include:

- Physical controls (e.g. strikes, kicks, takedowns);
- Compliance techniques (e.g. joint locks, pressure points);
- Intermediate controls - Use of intermediate weapons that do not meet the criteria of, or cause injury as indicated in Category 1;
- An injury or complaint of injury that occurs in the course of taking, or after an individual was taken into DPD custody, not requiring hospitalization; and
- Canine deployment.



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Category 1 Use of Force

(Investigated by Force Investigation)

Category 1 Uses of Force include:

- Death resulting from discharge from a member's firearm. Any death following an altercation with a member of this department;
- All discharges of firearms (except at the firearms range and at animals);
- The use of chemical spray against a restrained person;
- Any use of force resulting in broken bones or loss of consciousness. Injury requiring hospitalization or a substantial risk of death, serious disfigurement, disability or impairment of the functioning of any body part or organ, and head strikes with an impact weapon;
- Department canine bites; and
- Allegations of a use of force that are of a Category 1 type.



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