

	BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Departmental Directive 20-006	EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/22/2020	EXPIRATION DATE: TBD
	<i>Use of Force – Prohibition of Neck Restraint/Chokeholds, Duty to Intervene and Report Misconduct</i>		
RISK: High	DISTRIBUTION: Sworn Personnel	REVISES: None	
CALEA Std.: None	BY ORDER OF: Paul Hammick, Chief of Police		

This directive is for BPD use only. It is not meant to enlarge the Department's or an employee's criminal or civil liability in any way and should not be construed as creating a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense with respect to third party claims. Violations of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis for departmental administrative sanctions.

I. PURPOSE

The Police Officer Standards and Training Council has modified and adopted changes to the CLESP Program (Standard #16) involving the use of force policy. In Order to be in compliance with the conditions of the revised standard:

II. POLICY

It is the Policy of the Bloomfield Police Department, through this Directive, to address Bloomfield Police Department officer's prohibition of chokeholds/neck restraint as well as their duty to intervene and report unreasonable, excessive, and/or illegal use of force.

III. PROCEDURE

The Bloomfield Police Department General Order 1-10, Use of Force, shall remain compliant with current state and federal law.

BPD General Order 1-10 shall include the following as soon as practical:

- A. A guideline, use of force response matrix or other continuum where an individual/suspect/offender's actions dictate responsive use of force levels;
- B. A requirement that officers deploy de-escalation/calming strategies and/or verbal warnings prior to the use of force when feasible;
- C. A listing of the lethal and less lethal weapons authorized by the agency;
- D. A mandate that officers receive and are trained in the policy prior to carrying any lethal or less lethal weapons;
- E. Describes the initial training and in-service training requirements for all weapons;

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Personnel of the Bloomfield Police Department shall adhere to the following provisions within their Use of Force.

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