

	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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It is prohibited for a BPD Officer to intentionally use a chokehold or other method of restraint applied to the neck area of another person, including but not limited to,

1. Arm bar hold,
2. Carotid artery hold,
3. Lateral vascular neck restraint,
4. Neck restraint or hold with a knee or other object is prohibited.
5. The use of a choke hold or neck restraint may only be used when the use of deadly physical force is authorized.

Any officer who directly observes a use of force that is unreasonable, excessive or otherwise in violation with the agency's use of force policy and/or a violation of state or federal statute (illegal), shall:

1. Act to intervene and stop the unreasonable, excessive, or illegal use of force by another police officer
2. Contact a supervisor as soon as practicable and submit a written incident report in a timely fashion

Any officers who have knowledge of excessive, unreasonable, or illegal use of force against a person shall notify a supervisor and submit a written incident report to a supervisor in a timely fashion.

It is prohibited for there to be any retaliation against any officer that intervenes against excessive use of force, reports misconduct, or cooperates in an internal investigation.

1. Any officer found to have engaged in any retaliatory conduct against any officer that intervenes against excessive use of force, reports misconduct, or cooperates in an internal investigation shall be subjected to the discipline process.