

# WHERE WE STAND

A comprehensive look at your Corona Police Department...

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#### **BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS**

The use of "chokeholds" and "strangleholds" are not authorized for use by your Corona Police Officers.

In accordance with Governor Newsom's new policing and reforms, the Corona Police Department has suspended the use of the Carotid Restraint (Policy Section 300.4) by officers as a force option until further notice.

## **REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION**

## Your Corona Police Department trains all of its officers in de-escalation techniques.

Officers are required to attend a four-hour Interpersonal Communication and De-escalation training certified by California POST (Commission of Peace Officer's Standards and Training). Every two years after that, officers attend a refresher course on the topic. The previously mentioned training is in addition to the training received in the academy and during their Field Training Program. Our Field Training Officers (FTO) attend an eight-hour Crisis Intervention and de-escalation course as well to assist in passing the information to new hires. Additionally, all of our officers, detectives, sergeants, and jailers are scheduled to attend the same eight-hour Crisis Intervention and De-escalation course later in June 2020. The men and women of our Corona Police Department are committed to continuing to build strong relationships of trust with our community.

> - Chief of Police Robert Newman



## **REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING**

A warning that deadly force will be used is not required but should be given when time allows. Policy section 303.2 covers this area.



#### REQUIRE TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

Corona Police Officers are bound by Subdivision (a)(2) of Section 835a California Penal Code, which conveys that peace officers may use deadly force "only when necessary in defense of human life."

In determining whether deadly force is necessary, officers shall evaluate each situation in light of the particular circumstances of each case, and shall use other available resources and techniques if reasonably safe and feasible to an objectively reasonable officer." As such, this section incorporates "objectively reasonable the officer "standard and tacitly acknowledges that an officer is only required to use non-deadly force if it is reasonably safe and feasible for the officer to do so without endangering the officer's life or the lives of others.



## **DUTY TO INTERVENE**

The Corona Police Department requires an officer who views excessive force to intervene when in a position to do so.

The policy also requires the officer to report their observations to a supervisor promptly. The requirement is covered in our policy under section 300.3.3.



#### BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Corona Police Officers are not forbidden from shooting at moving vehicles. Shooting at a moving vehicle is rarely effective, and officers should move out of the path of the vehicle.

Shooting at a moving vehicle is extremely rare, but incidents like the 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino reveal shooting at a moving vehicle may be necessary for extreme events to protect public safety. Our last incident involving shooting at a moving vehicle was in January 2004. This topic is covered under section 300.5.1.

## **REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM**

# Officers are required to make decisions in rapidly changing situations.

The Use of Force Continuum concept is an aged concept from previous decades and has given way to more knowledgeable, science-based use of force training and policies. Use of Force is covered in section 300, and the policy falls in line with California Penal Code section 835a.



## **REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING**

The Corona Police Department requires officers to document any use of force in a police report thoroughly. Documentation requirements are covered in policy sections 300.6.

Our department policy is available online at www.CoronaCA.gov/Police.

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