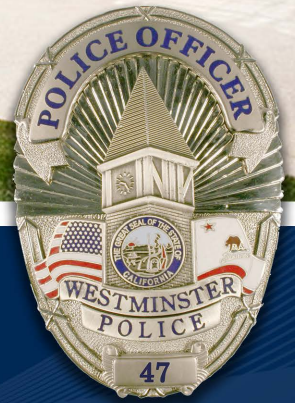




Service With Integrity



WHERE WE STAND

A comprehensive look at your
Westminster Police Department



REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

De-escalation is interwoven into the Department's operations and is included in our Department's policies for crisis intervention, Conducted Energy Device (Tasers), mental health and civil disputes.

De-escalation techniques are included in various professional training topics as well. During the month of July, the entire Department will be attending de-escalation training as well as training on ground tactics while affecting an arrest.

BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS

The use of a chokehold is NOT permitted within our Department.

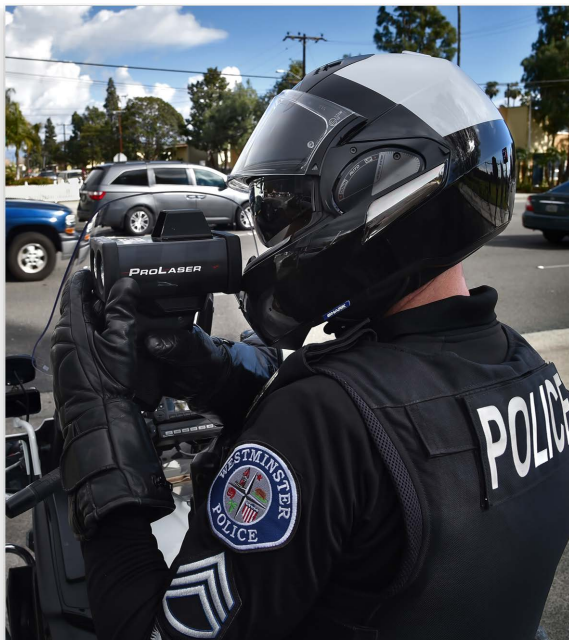
Carotid holds are only allowed by trained officers in situations that involve violence or the subject has the potential to harm officers or themselves (Policy 300.3.4).



EXHAUST ALL OTHER MEANS BEFORE SHOOTING

Our policy and the state law require officers to use only that amount of force which is reasonable to affect an arrest.

They shall only use that amount of force, which reasonably appears necessary, given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time (Policy 300.3 and 300.3.1).



BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Westminster Police Officers are not prohibited from shooting at moving vehicles.

However, our policy states that an officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others (Policy 300.4.1).



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

Our policy states an officer should, where feasible, give a verbal warning before using deadly force (Policy 300.2.1).

DUTY TO INTERVENE

Our policy mandates a duty to intervene if any officer observes another officer using force that is unreasonable. The officer who observes the excessive use of force is also mandated to report the observations to a supervisor (Policy 300.2.1).



REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

Any use of force by a member of WPD shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report.

The Department provides body-worn cameras that shall record the actions of the officers as well as the events leading up to the use of force. The Department also provides data to the California Department of Justice regarding all officer-involved shootings and incidents involving the use of force resulting in serious bodily injury.



We are committed to serving our community with pride, empathy, compassion, and a deep respect for all individuals.

-Mark Lauderback
Chief of Police



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REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

Law enforcement agencies vary whether they incorporate a use of force continuum.

Our policies require officers to use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances.

The Department Policy Manual is available online at
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