



**PACIFIC GROVE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
OUR COMMUNITY, YOUR POLICE



# WHERE WE STAND

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**A comprehensive look at your  
Pacific Grove Police Department**



## **BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS**

The use of “chokeholds” and “strangleholds” are not authorized by members of the Pacific Grove Police Department.

In January 2020 the Pacific Grove Police Department removed the use of the Carotid Restraint Hold from its policy. ([Policy 300](#))

## **REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION**

**All Pacific Grove Police Officers are trained in De-Escalation Techniques.**

The Department is committed to accomplishing its mission with respect and minimal reliance on the use of force by using appropriate tactical deployment, use of appropriate crisis intervention techniques, and an effort to de-escalate incidents prior to the application of any use of force, whenever feasible. All sworn members of PGPD receive de-escalation training in the police academy and during their Field Training Program. In addition, all sworn members attended Crisis Intervention Training, receive 2-hour refresher training in Tactical Communications at least once every two years, and we participate in the One Mind Pledge which gives our staff the critical skills to respond safely and responsibly to situations involving people with mental health or substance use disorders. ([Policy 300.1](#) and [300.3.3](#))

“The women and men of the Pacific Grove Police Department are committed and pledge to continue to operate daily with the highest standards. We will continue to represent our profession and City with the utmost respect and dignity.”

-Chief of Police, Cathy Madalone

## **REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING**

Where feasible, the officer shall, prior to the use of force, make reasonable efforts to identify themselves as a peace officer and to warn that deadly force may be used. ([Policy 300.4](#))



# REQUIRE TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

If an objectively reasonable officer would consider it safe and feasible to do so under the totality of the circumstances, officers should evaluate the use of other reasonably available resources and techniques when determining whether to use deadly force. The use of deadly force is only justified pursuant to Penal Code § 835 (a). (Policy 300.4)



## DUTY TO INTERVENE

Any officer present and observing another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force. An officer who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law should promptly report these observations to a supervisor. (Policy 300.2.1)



# BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle are rarely effective. Officers should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. 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. Officers should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle. (Policy 300.4.1)

## 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 focused on requiring Officers to create space and separation in an attempt to utilize de-escalation techniques. (Policy 300.3.2 which falls in line with California Penal Code § 835 (a)).



## REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report which is reviewed by a supervisor and administratively reviewed by the Police Commander (Policy 300.5, 300.8.1, and 300.8.2).

Our department policy manual is available online at [cityofpg.org/public-safety/police](http://cityofpg.org/public-safety/police)

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