



Use of Force Policy Certification

Agency: Reedsburg Police Department

Assessor: Brian Uhl

Date: 11/17/20

The Assessor is to review all relevant policies to determine compliance with the below listed mandatory requirements.

The Agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Context

Compliance can be achieved by incorporating the above language into policy. If language is not present the assessor can find compliance if there are no procedures in their policy that would be in violation of the law, such as having procedures in violation of Graham v Connor, procedures in conflict with the Wisconsin DAAT Manual, etc.

In Compliance

Not in Compliance

The Agency maintains use-of-force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.

Context

Policy must include a prohibition of chokeholds for compliance. The agency may elect to allow the exception for chokeholds in those situations where the use of deadly for is justified by law, or to ban chokeholds completely. Agencies choosing to maintain the use of a Vascular Neck Restraint as a force option must clearly identify the differences between a Choke Hold and a Vascular Neck Restraint in their policy and address any procedures, restrictions, or limitations on the use of the Vascular Neck Restraint.

Choke Hold – A physical maneuver that restricts an individual's ability to breathe for the purposes of incapacitation.

Vascular Neck Restraint – A technique that can be used to incapacitate individuals by restricting the flow of blood to their brain.

In Compliance

Not in Compliance

Findings of Non-Compliance

The Assessor is to document reasons for non-compliance in the space below.
