

Policy 1960-5

Use of Force Guidelines

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Policy 1960-5 establishes the standards governing the use of force by Department 6 personnel during training and field operations.

Troubleshooters are authorized to employ force only when necessary to protect human life, prevent serious bodily injury, secure essential equipment, or preserve mission integrity.

Personnel shall use the minimum force reasonably required to resolve the immediate threat. Communication, de-escalation, withdrawal, and non-lethal measures shall be employed whenever circumstances permit.

Defensive equipment, restraint devices, and specialized chemical or electrical systems may be used when proportional to the threat and consistent with operational objectives.

Deadly force is authorized only when there exists a clear and immediate threat of death or grievous bodily harm to teammates or persons under Department 6 protection.

The preservation of innocent life remains the controlling principle in all operational decisions involving force.

All uses of force shall be documented on Form 39: Use of Force Report and reviewed through the established chain of command.

Personnel who report force incidents in good faith shall be afforded full procedural review and organizational support.

Approved by Order of the Board of Directors, Dustin-Rhodes Corporation.