

***USE OF FORCE POLICY # 21.0.4***

**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Council of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 recognizes and respects the value and integrity of each human life. In vesting peace officers with the lawful authority to use force to carry out arrests, and to protect the public welfare, even as private citizens, the authority to use force in certain instances is justified under the Canadian Criminal Code. It is the Policy of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 that Community Peace Officer 1 employed by this service use only that force which is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting the lives of Community Peace Officer 1 and other persons. It shall be the Policy of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 that all Community Peace Officer 1 employed by this service are to comply with all of the procedures outlined in this standard operating procedure in relation to the use of force.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1. Member or Officer - an employee of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 whom holds an appointment as a Community Peace Officer 1 (CPO1)

2.2. Supervisor - County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer or designate.

**3. PROCEDURES**

3.1. Use of Force

3.1.1. Members employed by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 shall follow the parameters for the use of force as outlined in the "PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS Resistance Control Continuum" chart included with this Policy, any time a Member is required to use force.

3.1.2. Members employed by the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 shall use only that force which is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control.

3.1.3. Members employed with the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 shall not exceed the recommended option of force available as outlined in the "PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS Resistance Control Continuum" chart.

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## **3.2. Restraint and Protective Devices**

- 3.2.1. The County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 shall provide protective and restraining devices as deemed necessary by the Supervisor in consultation with the Protective Services Department.
- 3.2.2. Members shall not carry any unauthorized protective/restraining equipment while on duty.
- 3.2.3. Members shall be trained and qualified in all items of protective equipment and restraint devices.

## **4. REPORTING**

- 4.1. Members are required to notify the Supervisor and submit a report any time they have been required to use force at a level above soft empty hand techniques on the “PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS Resistance Control Continuum” chart.
- 4.2. The Supervisor shall review use of force reports, and ensure that the Member was justified in using force and that the Member followed proper procedures and the policy was complied with. Multiple reports may be submitted and/or required as a result of critical incident amnesia, which is a condition that effects both the memory of the Peace Officer and their ability to write and incident report.
- 4.3. Supervisor or designate shall notify Public Security Division, Department of Justice and Solicitor General, of the circumstances surrounding the use of force.

## **5. INJURY**

- 5.1. Should an Officer or another person sustain any injury during an incident, the Member shall seek medical attention as soon as possible for his/herself, or any other person that is injured or complains of an injury.
- 5.2. The Officer shall report the incident to his/her supervisor at the first available opportunity.

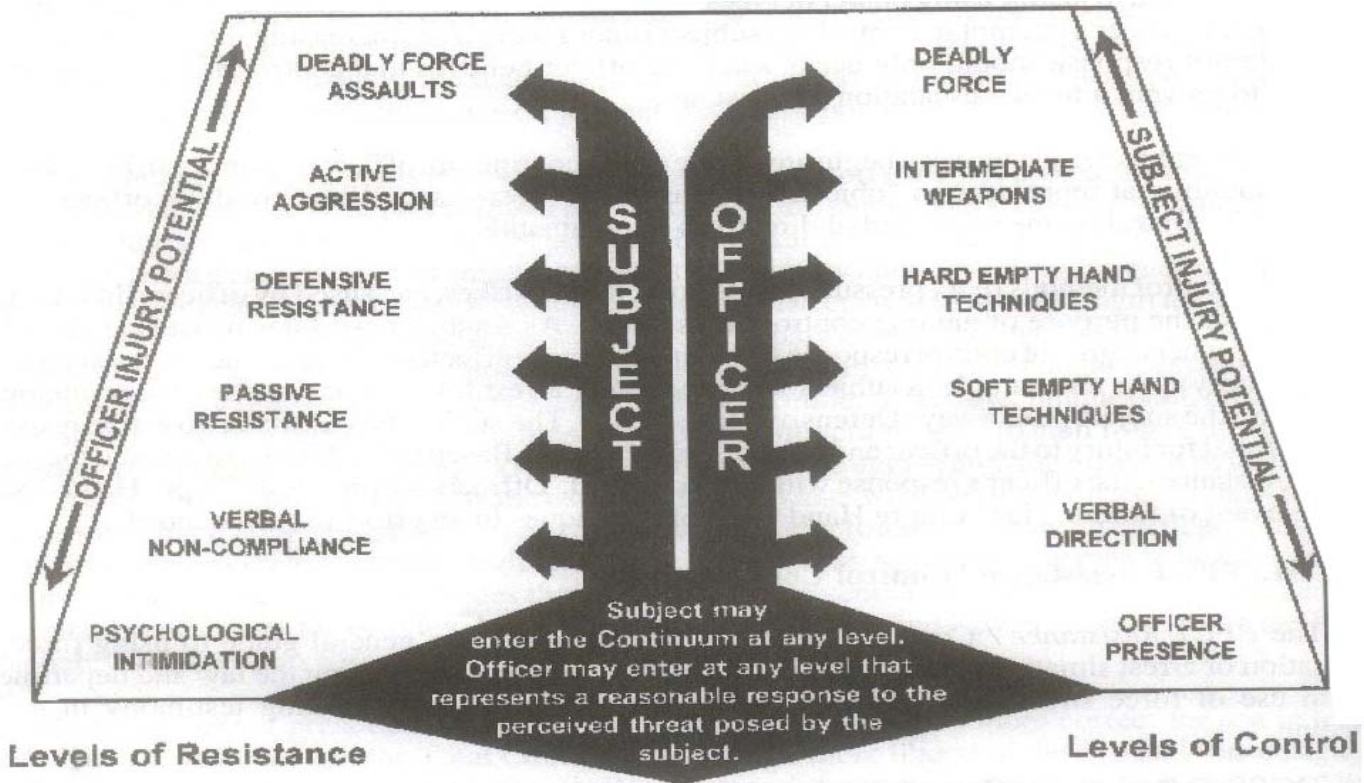
## **6. TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION**

- 6.1. All County employed Community Peace Officers Level 1 shall be trained to the Use of Force standard set by the Solicitor General’s Office as outlined in the Peace Officer Program Policy and Procedures Manual.
- 6.2. Community Peace Officers Level 1 will be recertified yearly based on the availability of training and must be recertified every three (3) years.

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**PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**  
**Resistance Control Continuum**



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