

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to direct officers in the appropriate use and reporting of force.

POLICY: In an effort to protect and serve all citizens and visitors within this jurisdiction, respect the rights of suspects, and maximize officer safety in response to resistance events, it is the policy of this Department that officers will only use reasonable force to bring an incident or event under control. All response to resistance events directed against active resistance will be reported and reviewed as outlined in this policy. All responses to resistance must be objectively reasonable.

DEFINITIONS:

- I. **DEADLY FORCE:** Any force that creates a substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily harm or death.
- II. **NON-DEADLY FORCE:** All uses of force other than those which are substantially likely to cause serious bodily harm or death.
- III. **IMMINENT:** Impending or about to occur or circumstances are such that it is reasonable to believe it is impending or about to occur.
- IV. **OBJECTIVELY REASONABLE:** The amount of force that would be used by other reasonable and well-trained officers when faced with the circumstances with which the officer using the force is presented.
- V. **REASONABLE BELIEF:** Reasonable belief means that the person concerned, acting as a reasonable person, believes that the prescribed facts exist.
- VI. **PHYSICAL INJURY:** The impairment of physical condition; the infliction of substantial pain; or the infliction of bruising, swelling, or visible marks associated with physical trauma.
- VII. **SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY:** A physical injury that creates a substantial risk of death or that causes protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, or loss or protracted impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ.
- VIII. **ACTIVE RESISTANCE:** a subject actively resists when they take affirmative action to defeat an officer's ability to take them into custody.
- IX. **PASSIVE RESISTANCE:** A subject who takes no affirmative action to defeat the employee's ability to make an arrest but who does not respond to verbal commands and presents a refusal to move by sitting down or acting as dead weight.
- X. **ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE:** A device that disrupts the central nervous system of the body.