Burbank Police Department

Use of Force
Policy Reference Guide

**Use of Force Continuum**
Officers shall evaluate each situation in determining the necessity for force and appropriate level of force.

**Duty to Intercede**
Officers observing force clearly beyond what is objectively reasonable shall intercede to stop the use of such force.

**De-escalation**
Officers should use de-escalation techniques in order to reduce the need for force.

**Exhaust All Other Means Before Shooting**
Officers shall use other available resources and techniques, if reasonably safe and feasible.

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**BPD Policies**
§§ 300.1.2, 300.2, 300.2.2

**BPD Policy**
§ 300.2.1

**BPD Policy**
§ 300.1.2(a)

**BPD Policy**
§ 300.4

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**Require Warning Before Shooting**
A verbal identification and warning shall precede the use of deadly force, where feasible.

**Shooting at or from Moving Vehicles**
Except in extraordinary instances, officers shall not shoot at moving vehicles or its occupants.

**Use of Chokeholds / Strangleholds**
Such force is not authorized. Existing policy covers the use of the carotid restraint to prevent death or serious bodily injury.

**Require Comprehensive Reporting**
Burbank Police require reporting of all use of force incidents, which are reviewed both internally and externally.

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**BPD Policy**
§ 300.4

**BPD Policy**
§ 300.4.1

**BPD Policy**
§ 300.3.2

**BPD Policies**
§§ 300.6, 300.7 - 300.7.4

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