



# Use of Force Recommendation 23

Clarify Under Which Circumstances Face, Head and  
Neck Strikes Are Permitted



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# Objective

- *Review Special Order #2018-001, and ensure current policy is corrected to meet best practices.*
- *Implement permanent changes as warranted.*



## Recommendation Highlights

- Clarify Under Which Circumstances Face, Head and Neck Strikes Are Permitted.

# Current Policy

- *DPM 2.1.1 outlines the definition of strikes.*
- *Special Order provides greater definition on when strikes can be used.*



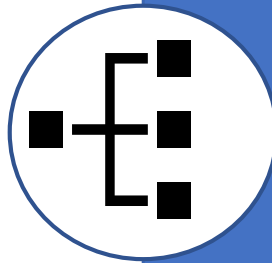
# Gap Analysis

- Recommendation
- Provided additional direction in policy:
  - **Face, Head and Neck Strikes – Prohibited - absent active aggression/aggravated active aggression.**
- Current Policy
- Strikes: Techniques that have more than a minimal chance of injury. (Examples: Kicks, elbow, palm or knee strikes, and punches). The officer will consider the totality of circumstances in evaluating which area of the body to strike.



# Industry Trends

- **LVMPD-** Aggravated Aggressive
  - Members should only use tactics appropriate to the situation which have been taught by department Defensive Tactics instructors.
- **Phoenix PD-** Intermediate Force
  - Strikes to the face and head will only be used when reasonable as a means to overcome a violent attack.
- **Chandler PD-** Intermediate Force
  - Head and Neck Strikes – Prohibited absent active aggression/aggravated active aggression.



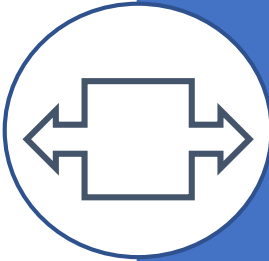
# Pros and Cons

*List the reasons **for** adopting the recommendation*

- *Provide clear direction for officers.*
- *Adapt into permanent policy.*

*List the reasons **against** adopting the recommendation*

- *None*





# Proposed Action

- *Approve Policy recommendation as follows:*
  - Face, Head and Neck Strikes – Prohibited - absent active aggression/aggravated active aggression.



Discussion