



Use of Force Recommendation 14 & 24

Revision of Use of Force Terms



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Objective

- *Review Mesa Police Department policy to ensure it is in line with best practices.*



Recommendation Highlights

- Replace current references of “deadly force” to “lethal force.”
- Change references of “non-deadly force” to “less-lethal” force.

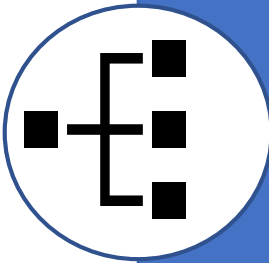
Current Policy

- **Deadly Force:** (ARS 13-105.14) Force that is used with the purpose of causing death or serious physical injury or in the manner of its use or intended use is capable of creating a substantial risk of causing death or serious physical injury.
- **Non-Deadly Force:** (ARS 13-105.31) Force that is used upon or directed toward the body of another person and includes confinement but does not include deadly physical force. Any application of force that is not reasonably anticipated and is not intended to create a substantial likelihood of death or serious injury shall be considered physical force and non-deadly force.



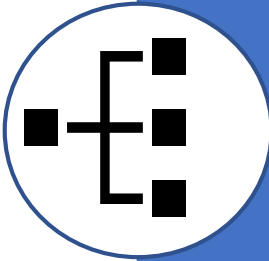
Gap Analysis

- *Currently the Mesa Police Department uses the terms that are consistent with the following:*
 - *Arizona Revised Statutes*
 - *ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING*



Industry Trend

- *The following agencies also use these terms:*
 - *Gilbert PD*
 - *Tucson PD*
 - *Chandler PD*
 - *Phoenix PD (also uses Less-Lethal)*
 - *IACP- The Consensus Policy* employs the terms deadly force and less-lethal force.



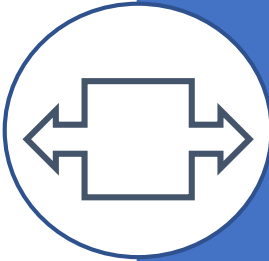
Pros and Cons

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

- The term “less lethal” acknowledges the possibility that deaths have occurred as a result of less-lethal options.

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

- *Terms not used in lesson plans.*
- *Terms not used in AZ Revised Statutes.*



Proposed Action

- *It is recommended that the Mesa Police Department continue to use the term deadly force.*
- *It is recommended that the Mesa Police Department implement the term less-lethal, and discontinue non-deadly force.*



Discussion