



Use of Force Recommendation 24 & 14

Guidance for

Revision of Use of Force Terms



Agenda

- Recommendation Highlights
- Gap Analysis
- Discussion Points
- Committee Feedback
- Further Analysis
- Final Guidance



Recommendation Highlights

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

Gap Analysis

- *Currently the Mesa Police Department uses the terms that are consistent with the following:*
 - *Arizona Revised Statutes*
 - *AZ Post*
- *Term Less-lethal has become acceptable term used in lesson plans.*



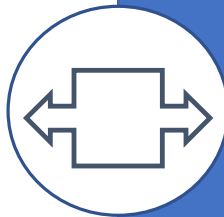
Pros and Cons

*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.*



Committee Feedback

- Discussion on terms:
 - Less lethal
 - Less than lethal
 - Physical force
 - Non-lethal



Further Analysis

- ARS regarding force, deadly force, justification, etc.
 - Last updated 1978
- Not contemporary with additional uses of “physical force”.
 - Taser
 - Bean Bag
 - OC Spray



Final Guidance

- *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