



# Use of Force Recommendation 44 & 31

Review TAC 4.4 and DPM 2.1.20



# Agenda

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# Objective

- *Review Mesa Police Department Policy and implement correct terminology to satisfy recommendation.*



## Recommendation Highlights

- Replace "Suppression Fire" with "Directed Fire".  
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## Term Review

- *Suppression Fire-Military Term*
  - *In military science, suppressive fire is "fire that degrades the performance of an enemy force below the level needed to fulfill its mission". It is one of three types of fire support, which is defined by NATO as "the application of fire, coordinated with the maneuver of forces, to destroy, neutralize or suppress the enemy."*



## *Focused Fire*

- *So when would be an appropriate time for the use of Focused fire?*
- Injured Citizen/Officer Down rescue
- Pined down citizens or Officers who are taking gunfire
- If there is a need to fight into a structure due to a rapid deployment scenario we are taking gunfire stopping our attempts to enter the structure
- Suspect is engaging members of Fire who are attempting to render aid in a mass casualty event
- The suspects actions must be placing other Officers or the public in greater jeopardy than the risk of employing suppressing fire.

# Gap Analysis

- Recommendation:
- Focused fire is prohibited except under exigent circumstances when: The officer reasonably believes the subject(s) pose an imminent threat of death or serious injury to the officer or another person, and the subject has demonstrated the subject(s) has the ability to cause death or serious injury to others (i.e., downed officer or citizen rescue). This tactic should not be employed if the use of focused fire would place innocent bystanders or victims in greater harm than the actions of the suspect.
- Current Policy:
- Suppression fire is prohibited except under exigent circumstances when: The officer reasonably believes the subject(s) pose an imminent threat of death or serious injury to the officer or another person, and the subject has demonstrated the subject(s) has the ability to cause death or serious injury to others (i.e., downed officer or citizen rescue). This tactic should not be employed if the use of suppression fire would place innocent bystanders or victims in greater harm than the actions of the suspect.



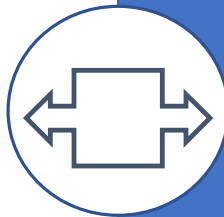
# Pros and Cons

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

- *Eliminates Military Terminology.*
- *Provides new term-which provides clear direction in the practical application.*
- *Approved by both Range and SWAT Team.*

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

- *None.*





## Proposed Action

- Replace "Suppression Fire" with "Focused Fire" in TAC 4.4 and DPM 2.1.20.



Discussion