

CAROTID RESTRAINTS

FWPPD does not train or condone the use of carotid restraints, also known as “chokeholds” or “strangleholds.”



REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

De-escalation is integrated into all tactical training and frequently used when dealing with citizens in crisis. All officers have attended either Crisis Intervention or Mental Health First Aid Training. Mind Springs Health professionals are routinely called to assist.



USE OF FORCE WARNING

Our training includes verbal commands/warnings issued before force is used. Officers make every effort to de-escalate and announce their presence without jeopardizing the life and safety of others.



EXHAUSTING ALL OPTIONS

Officers are trained to use the least amount of force necessary to ensure the safety of all involved in a situation. Our defensive tactics and firearms protocols, and the use of force continuum teach officers to make force decisions based on the level of threat presented.



DUTY TO INTERVENE

All officers are responsible for ensuring the safety and ethical treatment of community members, and for intervening when necessary to prevent or stop an improper use of force. Integrity, judgment, and ethical decision making are continually reinforced during training and real-life incidents.



USE OF FORCE REPORTING

FWPPD requires all use of force and show of force to be documented via a written report. Reports and accompanying body camera footage are reviewed by supervisors to determine if the force used follows our Use of Force Policy.



USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

FWPPD trains officers to use a force continuum. Members are expected to make force decisions based on the level of threat presented. Our defensive tactics and firearms training include transitioning between responses, so officers are well-equipped to move up and down the continuum based on the threat presented.



SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Our Use of Force Policy states that Officers should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others. Officers should not shoot at any part of a vehicle in an attempt to disable the vehicle.



The Fraser Winter Park Police Department is committed to treating all persons with dignity and respect. We've already adopted progressive policies being advocated for by #8CantWait.