

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
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USE OF FORCE

Each decision to use physical force must be justified within the framework of Policy 5210 and the laws of our state and nation. When an individual initiates action that may cause serious physical harm to another person, there should be no hesitancy in using such force as is reasonably necessary in self-defense, or in the defense of others from the threat of bodily harm by another.

WHERE DEADLY FORCE IS AUTHORIZED

An officer may use deadly force in the defense of a citizen or an officer to prevent death or serious bodily harm

PROVIDED:

That the officer has reasonable cause to believe that his/her inaction will result in death or serious injury to another person or himself/herself.

That other reasonable means of control either do not exist or have been exhausted.

That all avenues of retreat from the situation have been blocked.

The risk of death or further injury to others exceeds the risks inherent in the use of such force.

That, where possible, a warning has been given.

Deadly force may consist of the use of normally non-lethal items, instruments, or equipment which are designed, intended, and routinely utilized legally for other legitimate police purposes, such as vehicles, batons, karate sticks, and flashlights.

SITUATIONS IN WHICH THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE IS PROHIBITED

Deadly force shall not be used in misdemeanor or civil infraction situations, for trespass, unless the trespass threatens death or serious injury, or for any purpose or in any manner otherwise prohibited by this order, state law, or legal duty.

AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT

A police baton, pepper foam (or similar substance), firearm, or taser shall be the only weapons issued to properly trained and authorized members of the Campus Police.

REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE

Whenever an officer has occasion to use force, he/she shall as soon as practical:

1. Obtain medical assistance for subjects who have sustained injuries, complain of injury or who have been rendered unconscious.
2. Notify his/her supervisor, or if unable to do so, another College administrator.
3. Notify the local police department.
4. Prepare a draft report on the incident within 24 hours and a written report within 48 hours.

A Campus Police Supervisor shall:

1. Respond to the scene and conduct an investigation of the incident.
2. Orally report the details of the incident to the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
3. Upon completion of his/her investigation, file a written report with the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and the Director of Business Services and Risk Management who will submit the report to the Michigan Community College Risk Management Authority.

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