

Professionalism in Policing Reasonable Officer Response (R.O.R.)

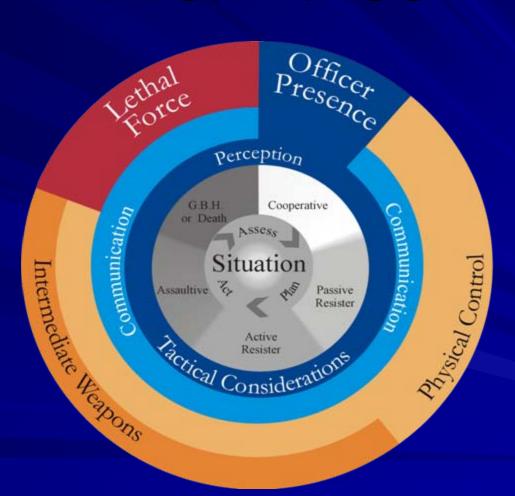
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The Use of Force by the Police as seen through the lens of...



FORCE CONTINUUM - BEGINNINGS





Part I The Test

Given the totality of the circumstances, the following factors will be considered by the court:

- a) Was the officer lawfully placed?
- b) Did the officer subjectively believe that the amount of force used was reasonable?
- c) Would an objective reasonable person (standing in the officers' shoes) believe that the level of force used was reasonable?



Part I Environmental Factors:

- Location (confined space, isolation)
- Cover
- Weather
- Lighting
- Footing
- Other exigent circumstances



Part I Subject Factors:

- Age, size, gender
- Number of subjects
- Training, experience, fitness
- Exhaustion, injuries
- Goal oriented
- Nature and severity of crime
- History
- Mental state
- Alcohol, drugs
- Verbal, non-verbal threat cues
- Weapons, proximity to weapons
- Fleeing, risk of escape
- Immediate / imminent threat to police/public/themselves
- Audience/peers



Part I Officer Factors:

- Age, size, gender
- Number of officers
- Training, experience, fitness
- Exhaustion, injuries
- Prior knowledge of the subject
- Distance from subject
- Position
- Equipment

Reasonable Officer Response Training Aid Part II

The Standard - Objective Reasonableness

OFFICER PERCEPTION

Cooperative Low Level Resister High Level Resister Assaultive G.B.H./Death

Lethal Options

Empty Hand - Hard

Intermediate Weapons (O.C. spray, C.E.D., baton)

(distraction techniques, takedowns, punches, kicks)

Empty Hand - Soft (pressure points, joint locks)

OFFICER RESPONSE

Tactical Considerations

Tactical Communication Skills

Lawful & Professional Presence



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Questions and Comments