

SAFETY FIRST FIREARMS TRAINING AND CONSULTANTS

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USE OF FORCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deadly force is that which a person uses with the purposes of causing (or which he or she knows, or should know would create a substantial risk of causing) death or serious bodily harm. Its use is justified only under the condition of extreme necessity as a last resort, when all lesser means have failed or cannot reasonably be employed, and only under one or more of the following circumstances:

- To defend him or herself or another from an attack which the officer has reasonable cause to believe could result in death or serious bodily injury;
- To effect the arrest or to prevent the escape, when every other means of effecting the arrest or preventing the escape has been exhausted, of a person who has committed a felony or has attempted to commit a felony in the police officer's presence, or when a felony has been committed and the police officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person he or she is attempting to apprehend committed the felony; Provided, that the felony for which the arrest is sought involved an actual or threatened attack which the officer has reasonable cause to believe could result in death or serious bodily injury; and provided further, that the lives of innocent persons will not be endangered if the officer uses his or her firearm;
- To kill a dangerous animal or one that is so badly injured that humanity requires its removal from further suffering; or
- For target practice or competition on an approved range.

Regardless of the nature of crime or legal justification for the firing a weapon, law enforcement/Conceal carry members are reminded that their basic responsibility is to protect the public for LEO and personal protection for Conceal carry members. Shots shall not be fired if they are likely to endanger the safety of innocent bystanders. Law enforcement or Conceal carry members are not permitted to discharge firearms under any of the following circumstances:

- As a warning shot
- At or from any moving vehicle except when the officer is justified in firing under the above reason and the officer/member has no cause to believe that any innocent person will be injured as the result of firing at or from that moving vehicle;
- In any felony case which does not involve an actual or threatened attack which the officer has reasonable cause to believe could result in death or bodily injury; and
- In any case involving a misdemeanor offense
- To halt any person who simply runs away; to avoid apprehension/arrest or detention

FIREARM DISCHARGE REPORT PROCEDURE:

Whenever members discharge a company-issued firearm/Conceal carry member (their firearm in Self-Defense) either accidentally or intentionally, whether on-duty or off-duty "TRAINING IS NOT INCLUDED", the member(s) shall immediately notify his or her supervisor or Local police department for Conceal carry members.

In addition to the above notification, discharge of the firearm shall immediately be detail by the officer on the Company's Incident Report and forwarded to the officer's supervisor.