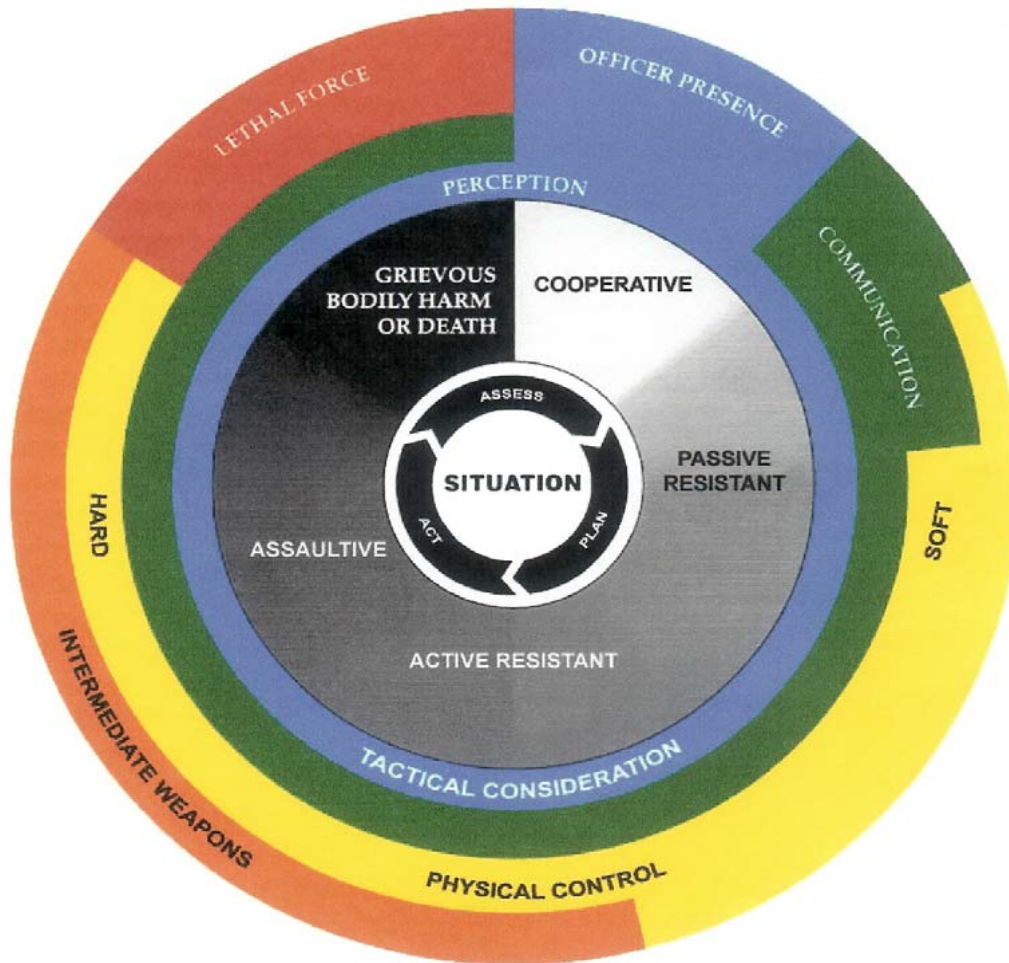


# National Use of Force Framework

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The officer continuously assesses the situation and acts in a reasonable manner to ensure officer and public safety.

# National Use of Force Framework

## Historical Overview

- “Models” or “continuums” have been in policing for 5 decades
- Used by Canadian police since 1980’s
- Early models/continuums tended to indicate a stepped or linear approach and were 2 dimensional in nature
- National Framework developed in 2000
  - Only Canada has one – **NOT** a “continuum”

# National Use of Force Framework

## Underlying Concepts

- Understands that the authority to use force is derived from and limited by the Criminal Code of Canada (s. 25, 26, 27, 34, 37, etc.)
- Illustrates the employment of reasonable force response options based upon balance and proportionality
- Recognizes the dynamic nature of any given situation
- Demonstrates that Officer assessment is a necessary and continuous process and allows for escalation/de-escalation and tactical repositioning as the situation evolves

# National Use of Force Framework

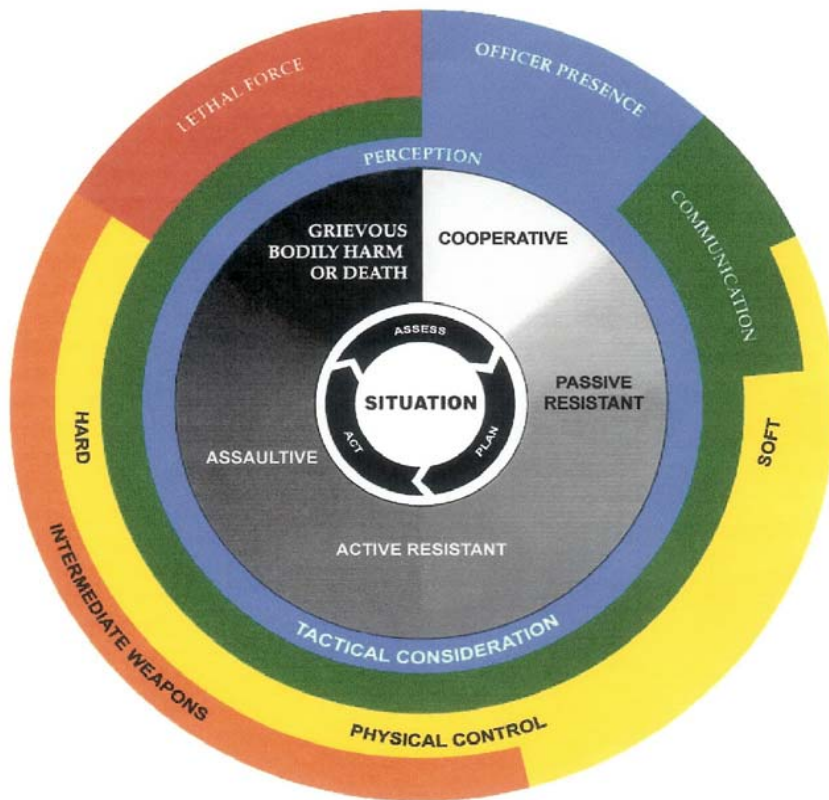
## ‘Conceptual Application by Officers and Agencies’

- Intended to inform police training
- Guiding principle: “Assess – Plan – Act”
- Constantly evolving process
- Accounts for officer perceptions; officer-subject and environmental variability
- Having regard for the totality of circumstances
- Adaptable to agency capacity and policy issues

# National Use of Force Framework

## Incident Analysis

### National Use of Force Framework



The officer continuously assesses the situation and acts in a reasonable manner to ensure officer and public safety.

- Situational Factors
- Subject Behaviours
- Officer Perceptions
- Officer Response Options
- Totality of circumstances

# Excited Delirium

## ■ Philadelphia Incident



# Policy (General Guidelines)

- Prohibitions for CEW use
- Restrictions on CEW use
- Context of use (threshold for use)
- Aftercare
- Reporting and Accountability
- Maintenance/Auditing

# Training for CEW

- Technical
- Contextual / Legal
- Tactical / Practical / Reality-Based  
(including judgment/decision-making)
- Aftercare / Accountability
- Testing

# **QUESTIONS?**

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# ***SUBJECT BEHAVIOUR- OFFICER RESPONSE REPORTING***



# ***SB-OR Reporting***

- ▶ Required by legislation in BC in accordance with the BC Police Act – Use of Force Regulation for many years
- ▶ Historically been limited to ‘shots fired’ and more recently to TASER® (CEW) deployments
- ▶ Provision within the act for the Director of Police Services to request use of force reports at ‘anytime’.

# ***SB-OR Reporting***

- ▶ Law enforcement agencies have kept reports on the 'use of force' in a variety of inconsistent formats
- ▶ Traditionally agencies have compiled reports that recorded whenever a police officer struck someone, utilized vascular neck restraint on someone, pepper sprayed someone, TASER<sup>®</sup>'ed someone, struck someone with a baton, fired an impact munition at someone, shot someone, and/or injured or killed someone.

# ***SB-OR Reporting***

## ***OPPAL COMMISSION REPORT – 1994***

The original 'official' recommendation for the standardization of 'use of force' reporting can be traced to the Commission of Inquiry into Policing in British Columbia of 1993/94 conducted by now Attorney General Mr. Wallace T. Oppal. The report entitled "Closing the Gap – Policing and The Community" specifically recommended the implementation of standardized reporting in s. 197 & 198 of the "High-Risk Policing" section

# ***SB-OR Reporting***

## ***SB-OR FAST FACTS***

- ▶ Will provide transparent, contextually appropriate accountability for the public
- ▶ Will provide an immediate and accurate account of the types of behaviour that police officers routinely deal with and what force response options they use in doing so

# ***SB-OR Reporting***

## ***SB-OR FAST FACTS***

- ▶ Will track injuries associated with various force response options
- ▶ Will generate valuable information for the development of valid, task-specific and timely training
- ▶ Will generate data that will support more effective lobbying for funding and resources

# ***SB-OR Reporting***

## ***SB-OR FAST FACTS***

- ▶ Is accurately reflective of the police mandate - focuses on what caused the officer(s) to respond with their training and force response options – this is situationally-driven - assess behaviour - respond with training and options
- ▶ Consistent with: legal authority (federal statutes) and duty to enforce the law and “use as much force as necessary for that purpose”; nationally recognized use of force frameworks; and generally accepted use of force principles



# ***SB-OR Reporting***

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SUBJECT BEHAVIOR-OFFICER RESPONSE

Did the subject exhibit only Co-operative behavior? Y/N

Author completing Report: Officer ID:   
Officer Name:   
Assignment/Duty:

Officer applying Force: Officer ID:   
Officer Name:   
Assignment/Duty:

Name of Subject:

Date of Birth of Subject:  /  /   
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SITUATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

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Subject history or other related information known to officer prior to contact (ie., violence reported/observed in complaint, criminal record, specialized skills/training, weapons, history, etc.) free text: 3-4 lines

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\*Mark all that apply with X

Location:  
Indoor  Outdoor

Weather:  
Clear  Partly Cloudy  Overcast  Rain  Snow   
Other:

Lighting:  
Natural-day  Natural-night  Artificial  Low Light  Dark  None   
Other:

Did the encounter go to the ground? (Y/N)   
Intentionally initiated by officer:   
Intentionally initiated by subject:   
Unintentional:

Additional remarks if required:

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SUBJECT BEHAVIORS  
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OFFICER RESPONSE OPTIONS

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\*Y/N to all that apply

Presence  |  
Communication  |  
Tactical Repositioning  |

PHYSICAL CONTROL-SOFT  
Pressure Points:  Joint Locks  Escort/Come-along Techniques   
Other:   
Effective:

PHYSICAL CONTROL-HARD  
Stuns/Strikes:   
Effective:

Vascular Neck Restraint (VNR)   
Standing:  Ground Fighting:  Both:   
Subject rendered unconscious?:   
Effective:

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INTERMEDIATE WEAPONS

OC Spray:

Draw and display only:  Pointed at subject:  OC spray applied:

Decontamination:  If no, briefly explain:

Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters

Effective:

CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON: (Y/N)

Model: M26:  X26:  XREP:  Other:

Serial Number:

Draw and display only:  Weapon pointed at subject:

Laser sight activated:  Spark display activated:

Contact Stun Deployment:  Probe Deployment:

Number of cartridges fired:  (numeric)

Cartridge Serial Number(s):  
1.  2.  3.

Duration of cycle, if known: Full  Partial

Number of cycles, if known:

















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Did the probes break the skin?

Describe probe impact points on body:

Top Probe: 1st  2nd  3rd   
Bottom Probe: 1st  2nd  3rd

Location(s) of Contact Stun:

1st  2nd  3rd

Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters

Effective:

BATON: (Y/N)

Type of Baton: Extendable  Wood  Polycarbonate

Other:

Draw and display only:  Number of strikes if known:

Impact area(s):

Effective:

Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters
















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EXTENDED RANGE IMPACT WEAPON (ERIW)  
Draw and display only:  Weapon pointed at subject:   
Impact applied:   
ERIW type:  Munitions:   
Other:   
Number of rounds fired, if known:   
Number of rounds impacted, if known:   
Describe impact points on body:  
  
Effective:

Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters

SPECIALTY MUNITIONS: (Diversionary device, CS Gas, etc.)  
Type of Munitions:   
Number deployed, if known:   
Effective:

POLICE K9:  
Deployed  (if Y, see PSD report)  
Tracked:

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POLICE FIREARM: (Y/N)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Draw and display only:  Weapon pointed at subject:   
Ballistic force applied:  Number of rounds fired if known: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effective:

Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters

OTHER RESPONSE: (Y/N)  \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe (improvised weapons, options of opportunity):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Perceived distance from subject when force response applied:  
0-2 meters  3-5 meters  6-10 meters  Greater than 10 meters   
Effective:

Additional remarks if required:  
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PERCEIVED INJURIES/DEATH

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# SB-OR Reporting

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(resulting from Officer Response)

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SUBJECT:

Minor  Moderate  Severe  Death   
Medical provided  Medical declined

POLICE:

Minor  Moderate  Severe  Death   
Medical provided  Medical declined

OTHERS:

Minor  Moderate  Severe  Death   
Medical provided  Medical declined

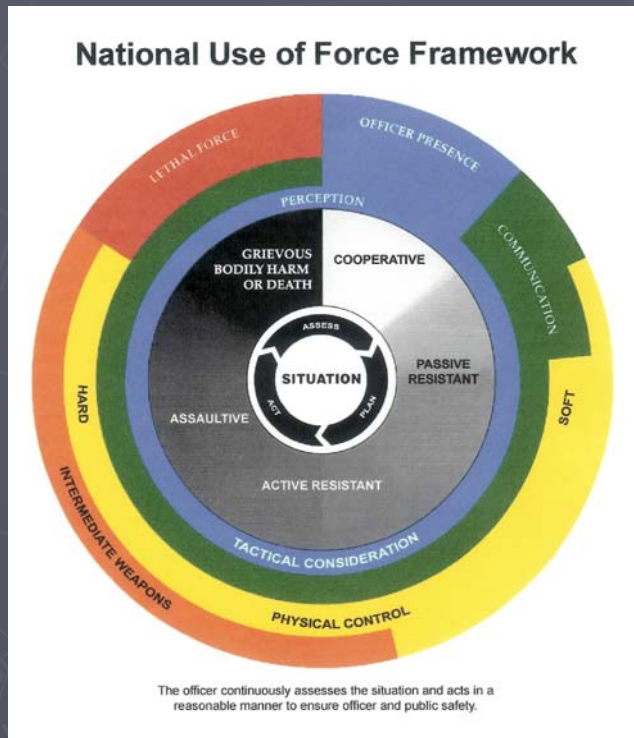
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# QUESTIONS...?



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Did the subject exhibit only Co-operative behavior? Y/N

Author completing Report: Officer ID:   
Officer Name:   
Assignment/Duty:

Officer applying Force: Officer ID:   
Officer Name:   
Assignment/Duty:

Name of Subject:   
Date of Birth of Subject:  /  /   
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# ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

1. Develop a provincially standardized CEW Instructor and Operator Course Training Standard by the Provincial Use of Force Working Group

➤ That the CTS:

- a) Is non-vendor-based
- b) Includes a mandatory Reality-based Training (RBT) component (scenario) where judgment issues become central
- c) Includes several case studies where CEW use has been found to be unjustified by the Courts and/or Police Discipline Authority
- d) Includes restraint protocols and ‘Excited Delirium’ awareness, education and recommended procedures
- e) Focuses greater attention on the ‘contact stun’ mode of deployment than past training has
- f) Clearly distinguishes between a deadly force scenario and a “high-risk” scenario and how the CEW fits into these scenarios

# ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

2. BC municipal agencies adopt and implement the provincially standardized CEW Instructor and Operator Course Training Standard
3. All operational police officers should receive CEW awareness training that includes the restraint and “Excited Delirium” component of the CEW Operator’s training
4. CEW’s be described as: “Intermediate Weapons” (according to the definitions set out in the National Use of Force Framework) that should be considered for use when there is an imminent need to control a subject who is “actively resisting” the lawful arrest or detention process, or is “assaultive” toward the officer or another person, where lesser forms of intervention (i.e. “Presence”, “Communication”, OC Spray or “Soft Physical Control”) have been ineffective or would be inappropriate based upon the totality of circumstances

# *RECOMMENDATIONS*

5. Eliminate counterproductive terminology including: “push” stun; “touch” stun; “drive” stun. Use the term “contact” stun only.
6. Eliminate counterproductive pre-deployment warnings like: “POLICE – Stop... or you will be hit with 50,000 volts of electricity!”
7. Ensure media liaison personnel attend CEW training
8. Ensure operations managers attend CEW training
9. Extend invitation to BC Ambulance Service representatives to audit CEW training

# *DEFENSIVE COUNTERSTRIKES & STUNS*

10. Implement mandatory “Subject Behaviour-Officer Response” (Use of Force) reporting within the PRIME system (currently at the final approval stages)
11. Provide personal issue CEWs for all certified CEW operators where feasible
12. Where it is not feasible to provide personal issue CEWs, ensure sound accountability measures are implemented to track CEW deployment
13. Issue X26 TASER® where feasible (increased safety, increased data reliability, more consistent power source)

# *RECOMMENDATIONS*

14. Implement consistent post-CEW use data downloading protocols
15. Ensure regularly-scheduled data downloading for all CEW's (suggested quarterly)
16. Ensure consistent supervisory attendance to scene where use of Force Response Option(s) results in injury or medical attention
17. Ensure consistent provision of medical attention after every CEW deployment (actual use in 'contact stun' or 'probe' mode)

# ***RECOMMENDATIONS***

18. Ensure consistent evidence-collection procedures are implemented post-CEW deployment (data download, AFID tags, probes (\*haz-mat), and cartridges – collection and disposition – as appropriate)
19. Ensure consistent subject-matter expert (SME) review of all force response incidents resulting in injury or medical attention (policy, training, generally accepted use of force principles ONLY – NOT legal or personal opinion of appropriateness)
20. Develop a provincially standardized SME-designation policy in line with the RCMP National SME Policy to ensure that designated SME's are capable and qualified to analyze force response incidents, and to ensure that they are ready to be presented to Court for 'expert' designation

# *Conducted Energy Weapons Policy Review*

# ANY QUESTIONS?

