



COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICER
STANDARDS AND TRAINING

DAPO/DAI PAROLE AGENT 001

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USE OF FORCE

STANDARD

Every Parole Agent (PA) shall receive comprehensive training in all aspects of the departmental use of force policy that is authorized within their scope of authority. PAs will receive annual use of force training.

Basic academies will provide extensive training as to the laws and regulations governing the use of force as well as developing skill sets for force options and the practical application of those options. In addition, basic academies will provide extensive training in the recognition of potentially dangerous situations and the use of de-escalation techniques to minimize the reliance of force options.

COMPONENTS

The use of force training shall consist of the following components:

1. Application of Force – The PAs shall be proficient in the ability to apply objectively reasonable force options in given circumstances and the appropriate documentation of those force options.
2. Problem Solving & Decision-Making –The PAs shall be proficient in analyzing situations and making reasonable decisions about the appropriate action to take based upon the totality of the circumstances.
3. Peace Officer Safety – The PAs must be able to recognize situations where they have the authority to use reasonable force to effect arrest and custody, overcome resistance, and subdue an attacker to prevent escape or gain compliance with a lawful order as authorized by the California Penal Code. Deadly force may only be used upon another person when the PA reasonably believes, based on the totality of circumstances, that such force is necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or great bodily injury to the officer or another person.

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4. Communication – The PAs will be knowledgeable of and demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication techniques. PAs must understand that individuals with physical, mental, developmental, or intellectual disabilities may affect and impair their ability to understand and/or comply with commands from peace officers. Where feasible, a PA shall, before the use of force, make reasonable efforts to identify themselves as a peace officer.
5. Ethics – The PAs shall abide by the code of ethics and accepted principles of conduct that govern decisions and actions based applicable law and on professional values and expectations.

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code 13601(a)(1)

California Penal Code 13601 (d)

BACKGROUND

Parole Agents (PAs) must be knowledgeable about the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) use of force policy, and relevant laws. The goal is to create an atmosphere within CDCR where staff operates with minimal reliance on the use of force. Reasonable force will be used by staff when necessary to maintain the safety and security of all persons. The law and policy dictates what force can be used and the general conditions under which force can and cannot be used. All uses of force must be within the guidelines of law and policy.

REFERENCES AND CITATIONS

California Code of Regulations Title 15, Article 1.5, Section 3268, Use of Force

State of California, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,

Restricted Department Operations Manual, Section 55050.31

California Penal Code, Sections: 196-198, 832, 835

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