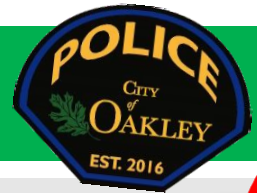


# WHERE WE STAND

City of Oakley  
Police Department



## Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds

**Chokeholds and Strangleholds are not authorized for use by OPD Officers.** The Oakley Police Department has never authorized the use of a chokehold or stranglehold technique. The Department has previously authorized the use of the carotid restraint hold as a part of our Use of Force Policy. The technique has never been used in the history of our law enforcement agency. We have suspended the use of the technique as we await additional guidelines from the State and a comprehensive review of our Use of Force Policy.

## Require Warning Before Shooting

We routinely train our officers on the need to ensure an Individual who poses a threat understands the intent of the officer to use any force. Our policy and training identifies that when feasible, officers should identify their intent to use any type of force before using it. This is required by California Statute and Federal Statutes/Decisions.

## Require De-Escalation

The use of de-escalation techniques have been a key part of our agency policy and training regimen for years. We are committed to handling all incidents using the least amount of force possible. OPD Officers receive de-escalation training routinely in training sessions. **All of our officers has completed specialized training courses on de-escalation** – improving the likelihood officers will be able to resolve a situation without using force. The California Legislature recently passed SB230 which mandated that officers attempt to use de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention, and other alternatives to force when feasible. OPD Officers complete training on “Tactical Communications” every two years, giving officers improved communication skills.

## Our Commitment

The Oakley Police Department is committed to providing the most up-to-date law enforcement services to the members of our community. We do this by reviewing and updating our agency policies and procedures on a continual basis. We utilize the best practices within law enforcement to provide realistic and demanding training for our officers. By mimicking the stressful events of violent confrontations in training, we increase the safety of the members of our staff and the community we serve.

## Require a Use of Force Continuum

OPD Officers are trained with a variety of tools and techniques to accomplish their duties. Officers are trained to select from a variety of force options that are trained in both classroom and simulator situations. These force options include their mere presence, verbal persuasion, physical control, chemical weapons, electronic control devices, impact or less-than lethal weapons, and the use of firearms. Officers respond to each situation using critical thinking and tactical decision making – using the appropriate force for the situation. Following a use of force event, we review the event to ensure the officer is properly trained and using good decision making skills. A well-trained and experienced department makes the community a safer place.

## Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles

Shooting at a moving vehicle is normally not an effective law enforcement technique. Our policy and training only allows officers to fire at a moving vehicle that present a threat to the officer or another person. Officers are encouraged to constantly re-evaluate their surroundings and not put themselves at increased risk by standing or positioning themselves in the path of a moving vehicle. **Our policy only allows this action in extreme situations to protect life.**

## Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

Penal Code Section 832.5 provides the authority for California Peace Officer to Use Deadly Force. That section of the law identifies that officers may only use deadly force “only when necessary in the defense of human life”. Officers are expected to exercise sound judgement and critical decision making when using force options (SB 230). This is echoed in our policy and our training.

## Require Comprehensive Reporting

OPD requires officers to document any use of force in a police report. Our policies require that all use of force incidents be reviewed by a supervisor or a Use of Force Review Board. This is done to ensure that officers are using force appropriately and correctly. We use this data to improve our training.

## Duty to Intervene

OPD policy requires an officer who views excessive force being used to intercede when in a position to do so. At the conclusion of the incident, the officer is required to report the incident to a supervisor immediately.

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Our Core Values:

- Honor
- Pride
- Courage

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