



CITY OF EUREKA
GENERAL ORDER / INTERIM DIRECTIVE
2020-0001
Stephen Watson, Chief of Police
January 7, 2020

Change to Eureka Police Department Policy 300 – USE OF FORCE

Effective January 1, 2020, the attached draft of EPD Lexipol Policy 300 (Use of Force) supersedes previously published Lexipol Policy 300, adopted 10/16/2015. This update also supersedes General Order 2017-0009 (dated 11/14/2017), which amended Policy 300.4.1 - Shooting at or from Moving Vehicles.

This updated policy, which will soon published along with the entire revised EPD Policy Manual, complies with **AB 392**. It contains significant changes with which you need to familiarize yourself.

**AB 392 effectively updates California's legal standard governing when lethal force by a peace officer is justifiable and can be used. The new law went into effect on January 1, 2020. Training and informational materials related to this law have already been distributed to all sworn Eureka Police Department personnel.*



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Issuance and Carrying TASERS (EPD Policy 309 – CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE)

Eureka Police Department Policy 309 – CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE covers the issuance and carrying of TASERS. *“Only members who have successfully completed department-approved training may be issued and carry the TASER. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring their issued TASER is properly maintained and in good working order.”*

While not expressly stated in the policy, this General Order serves to clarify that all Patrol/field personnel who have received training and been issued a TASER are expected to carry it on their person while on duty. Any exceptions to this order may only be granted with a supervisor’s (sergeant or above) approval for good cause.

“The TASER is intended to control a violent or potentially violent individual, while minimizing the risk of serious injury. The appropriate use of such a device should result in fewer serious injuries to officers and suspects.” The intention of this order is to ensure this less lethal force option is readily available to officers in furtherance of this stated purpose.



THE CITY OF EUREKA
EUREKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER / INTERIM DIRECTIVE 2020-0003

DATE: April 21, 2020
TO: All Department Personnel
FROM: Stephen Watson, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Uniform Regulations (EPD Policy 1045) – Authorized Headgear

As a reminder and update to a previous memorandum on this subject from December 2013, Officers may only wear an approved EPD baseball-style hat/cap under certain conditions:

- The hat shall be maintained in a neat, clean, well-formed, and serviceable condition (not faded, wrinkled, stained, soiled, or damaged).
- The hat must be department approved and standardized. *For consistency, the department will select a single vendor and hat color/design that will be the only authorized one.*
- The ball hat may not be worn as a matter of routine for uniformed (patrol) personnel wearing the Class A or B uniform and may not be worn with the Class A uniform (long sleeve shirt with tie).
- The ball hat may only be worn with the Class B uniform to protect your head during inclement weather (when it is raining, snowing, or hailing), during training (such as firearms/range), or when approved by a supervisor as part of a modified uniform for special operations/conditions.
- The ball hat may generally be worn with the modified Class C and Specialized Unit uniforms.
- CSOs are authorized to wear a department approved and issued baseball-style hat as their primary headgear.
- The standard police “peaked” cap remains the primary department issued headgear for Class A and B uniform wear.
- Additionally, a department approved and standardized EPD watch cap has previously been approved for wear during more extreme weather situations such as freezing or near-freezing conditions (now defined as an outside temperature of less than 40 degrees).
- Personnel are generally responsible for the purchase and replacement of these department approved ball and watch style caps. *(From the approved vendor only.)*
- Supervisors are expected to monitor and ensure compliance with these modified uniform regulations.

Reference EPD Policy 1045 – UNIFORM REGULATIONS for more information.



CITY OF EUREKA
GENERAL ORDER

2020-0004

Stephen Watson, Chief of Police

May 27, 2020

USE OF FORCE REVIEW FORM

1. PURPOSE:

To establish a review process for Use of Force incidents resulting in injury or the use of a significant amount of force. It is also intended to allow for a more streamlined and multi-level review of these incidents.

2. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Eureka Police Department that when force is used against a person(s) by a member of the Eureka Police Department and that force results in injury or requires a significant amount of force by staff during the incident, the Use of Force form will be completed by the Sergeant or Acting Watch Commander (AWC).

3. DEFINITION(S):

Injury: is defined as a complaint of pain, visible injury or the subject(s) rendered unconscious.

Significant Amount of Force: is defined as force utilizing multiple personal weapon strikes (fist, knee, elbow, etc), impact weapon strikes, chemical weapon(s), electronic weapons, carotid control hold, firearms or any other weapon/control device(s).

4. PROCEDURE:

When an incident takes place resulting in force being utilized by a member of the Eureka Police Department and that force results in injury to a person(s) or a significant amount of force is used, the Sergeant or AWC will complete the Use of Force form. That completed form will be forwarded to the lead instructor or subject matter expert (SME) of the type of force used. The lead instructor or SME will conduct their own review of the incident and complete their portion of the Use of Force form. The form will then be forwarded to the Captain having supervision over the employee(s) who used the force being reviewed. The Captain will conduct their independent review of the incident.

Upon completion of the reviews, the Sergeant / AWC, Lead Instructor or SME, and Captain will confer and determine the finding(s). A memorandum summarizing the incident and findings will be forwarded to the Chief of Police for review.

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The Use of Force Form and the findings memorandum will be maintained by the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. These documents are subject to public release for incidents meeting mandatory disclosure under Penal Code sections 832.7 and 832.8.

Attachments:

Use of Force Review (EPD Form #173)

This general order affects all EPD personnel regardless of assignment (refer to EPD Policy 300.5)



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2020-0005

Stephen Watson, Chief of Police

June 6, 2020

CHANGE TO USE OF FORCE POLICY 300.3.4 - CAROTID CONTROL HOLD

Effective immediately, this General Order amends the Eureka Police Department's policy on carotid control holds as follows:

300.3.4 CAROTID CONTROL HOLD

The use of the carotid control hold is prohibited except as an alternative to lethal force in situations where deadly force is justified. All other uses of the carotid control hold are unauthorized and prohibited. The use of the carotid control hold is subject to the following:

- (a) The officer shall have successfully completed department approved training in the use and application of the carotid control hold.
- (b) Any individual who has had the carotid control hold applied, regardless of whether he/she was rendered unconscious, shall be promptly transported to a local hospital to be examined and cleared by qualified medical personnel at the local hospital prior to booking.
- (c) The officer shall inform any person receiving custody, or any person placed in a position of providing care, that the individual has been subjected to the carotid control hold and whether the subject lost consciousness as a result.
- (d) Any officer attempting or applying the carotid control hold shall promptly notify a supervisor of the use or attempted use of such hold.
- (e) The use or attempted use of the carotid control hold shall be thoroughly documented by the officer in any related reports.