



CITY OF EUREKA

GENERAL ORDER

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Stephen Watson, Chief of Police

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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.

