

Levels of Force

De Minimis Force

- Physical interaction meant to separate, guide, and/or control without the use of control techniques that are intended to, or reasonably likely to cause any pain or injury. This includes:
 - Use of control holds or joint manipulation techniques in a manner that does not cause any pain, and are not reasonably likely to cause any pain.
 - Using hands or equipment to stop, push back, separate, or escort a person without causing any pain, or in a manner that would reasonably cause any pain.

Type I

- Force that causes transitory pain, the complaint of transitory pain, disorientation, or intentionally pointing a firearm or bean bag shotgun at a person.

Type II

- Force that causes or is reasonably expected to cause physical injury greater than "transitory" pain but less than "great or substantial bodily harm", and/or the use of any of the following weapons or instruments:
 - CEW (TASER), OC Spray, impact weapon, bean bag shotgun, deployment of K-9 with injury or complaint of injury causing less than Type III injury, vehicle, hobble restraint.

Type III

- Force that causes or is reasonably expected to cause great bodily harm, substantial bodily harm, loss of consciousness, or death, and/or the use of neck and carotid holds, stop sticks for motorcycles, impact weapon strikes to the head.