

## Appendix A

### I. Examples of Factors Which May Affect an Officer's Use of Reasonable Force:

- A. Number of suspects/officers
- B. Suspect factors (age, size, gender, relative strength, skill level)
- C. Officer physical condition (injury, exhaustion level)
- D. Influence of drugs, alcohol, or mental capacity
- E. Proximity to weapons
- F. Availability of other options
- G. Seriousness of the suspected offense
- H. Potential for injury to citizens, officers, and suspects
- I. Actively resisting or attempting to evade arrest by flight
- J. Prior knowledge or contact
- K. Environmental factors (lighting, footing, traffic, terrain, bodies of water, hostile crowds)
- L. Other exigent circumstances

### II. Types of Force Which May Be Applied Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- A. Displays of Force – Physical contact may occur, although physical injury is not likely.
  - 1. Display of impact weapons
  - 2. Display of an electronic control device, display of the electrical arc or display of the laser
  - 3. Display of chemical weapons
  - 4. Display of firearm
  - 5. Mere presence
  - 6. Canine or mounted presence
  - 7. Voice commands
  - 8. Physical contact: directional touching or physical separation of persons, absent the use of a compliance hold
- B. Application of Force – Force used may or may not cause injury, depending upon the actions or resistance level of the subject.
  - 1. Use of chemical weapons
  - 2. Use of an electronic control device in probe or drive stun mode
  - 3. Use of restraint devices
  - 4. Use of kicks/punches/strikes/grabs/takedowns
  - 5. Use of carotid constriction – limited to situations of self-defense or defense of another only
  - 6. Use of control/compliance holds
  - 7. Canine or mounted application
  - 8. Use of vehicles
  - 9. Use of impact weapons, including weapons of necessity\*
- C. Deadly Force – Any force that creates a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury.

1. Empty hands
2. Firearms
3. Impact weapons, including weapons of necessity
4. Vehicles/legal intervention

\*In situations of self-defense or defense of another where standard weapons are not available or practical, officers may use any weapon at hand, if necessary.