



# SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## GENERAL ORDERS



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### 580.02 USE OF FORCE 07-12-11

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this order is to outline procedures for the use and application of force, the medical follow-up that may be needed when the use of force results in injury, and the reporting and investigation of incidents involving the use of force.

#### **POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Sacramento Police Department that officers only use the amount of force which appears reasonably necessary, given the facts and circumstances as **perceived** by the officer at the time of the event.

#### **PROCEDURE**

#### **B. GENERAL**

1. Force shall be used in compliance with Penal Code Section 835a, which states "Any peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a public offense may use reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape or to overcome resistance. A peace officer who makes or attempts to make an arrest need not retreat or desist from his efforts by reason of the resistance or threatened resistance of the person being arrested; nor shall such officer be deemed an aggressor or lose his right to self-defense by the use of reasonable force to effect the arrest or to prevent escape or to overcome resistance."

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C. MANDATORY REPORTING PROCEDURE

1. Officers' Responsibilities

- a. If officers are in doubt as to whether the **UOF** is reportable, the officers shall notify their field supervisor who will then **be responsible for making** the determination.

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