Memorandum

Date:

June 23, 2020

To:

All Personnel

From:

Undersheriff Sol Linver

Subject:

Modification to Agency Policy 300

Sheriff's Bulletin: 20-3



This numbered bulletin/directive is being distributed to modify our agency policy on use of force related to use of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint.

The recent incidents across the nation and the outcry to ban the use of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR) has prompted an internal discussion about the use of the LVNR. It has been decided the LVNR will for now remain within our policy, however it is to become a technique of last resort. Effective immediately, the policy will read:

300.4.4 LATERAL VASCULAR NECK RESTRAINT

The proper application of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint may be effective in restraining a violent or combative person. However, due to potential for injury, the use of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint will be a technique of last resort and is subject to the following.

- (a) The deputy shall have successfully completed department approved training in the use and application of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint.
- (b) The Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint may only be used when circumstances perceived by the deputy at the time indicate that such application reasonably appears necessary to control a person and both of the following are met:
 - (a) The person is violently resisting by words or actions, has demonstrated an intention to be violent and reasonably appears to have the potential to harm deputies or others; and

(b) The deputy exhausts all other methods of control or restraint, and/or has determined the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint is the last resort to control or restrain the person short of deadly force.

Sol Linver

UNDERSHERIFF