


EASTHAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT		Department Manual: Policy No.
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Memo to Use of Force

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum, which does not include the use of chokeholds and strangleholds. However, if an officer is fighting for his/her life, then an officer shall act in self-defense to save his/her life.

2. Require de-escalation.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow their training in Crisis Intervention to de-escalate situations.

3. Require warning before shooting.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum. Officers shall continue to provide verbal commands prior to using force, if this can be safely done.

4. Exhaust all alternatives before shooting.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum.

5. Duty to Intervene.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to intervene when they believe that a person is in danger of loss of life or seriously bodily injury during an arrest. An officer who intervenes on behalf of another will not be disciplined for violation of chain-of-command, regardless of the rank of the officers involved, and shall be afforded all the protections inherent in the whistle-blower statute.

6. Shooting at moving vehicles.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow our policy of not shooting at moving vehicles, unless unavoidable in self-defense to protect the life of an innocent person or the police.

7. Use of Force Continuum.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow MPTC training in the Use of Force Continuum.

8. All force be reported.

All Easthampton Police Officers shall continue to follow our policy on Use of Force Reporting.

By Order,



Robert J. Alberti
Chief of Police