

Changes to SOP 460 – Use of Force

In the current version that the MPD sent to the FPC for approval, they have included and excluded the shaded parts of the following two sections. The Milwaukee Police Association has changed by adding the final sentence to 460.25 (E). We are requesting that the final sentence, which is in yellow, be included in the final draft of this SOP.

460.05 POLICY

It is the policy of the Milwaukee Police Department that members hold the highest regard for the sanctity of human life, dignity, and liberty of all persons. It is the policy of the department to accomplish the department's mission with the cooperation of the public and with minimal reliance upon the use of physical force. The Milwaukee Police Department is committed to resolving conflict through the use of professional communication skills, crisis intervention, and de-escalation tactics, when feasible. Members shall only use the force necessary to perform their duties and in accordance with department policy and Wisconsin State Statute, including [Wis. Stat. § 939.48\(1\)](#) (Self-defense and defense of others), which states, "A person is privileged to threaten or intentionally use force against another for the purpose of preventing or terminating what the person reasonably believes to be an unlawful interference with his or her person by such other person. The actor may intentionally use only such force or threat thereof as the actor reasonably believes is necessary to prevent or terminate the interference. The actor may not intentionally use force which is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm unless the actor reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself."

460.25 AMOUNT OF FORCE (WILEAG 5.1.2, 5.1.3)

E. Police members shall not engage in chokeholds, strangleholds, lateral vascular neck restraints, carotid restraints, or any other tactic that restricts oxygen or blood flow to the head or neck ~~unless the member is involved in a deadly force situation and has reasonably exhausted all other options and~~

tactics. ~~Deadly force shall only be used when the officer reasonably believes it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself/herself or to others.~~ Officers maintain all rights of self defense as enumerated in Wisconsin State Statutes.