



Use of Force

DUNWOODY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Lethal & Non-Lethal

- ▶ Officer Presence
- ▶ Verbal Commands
- ▶ Soft Hand Techniques
- ▶ Hard Hand Techniques
- ▶ Pepper Spray
- ▶ Electronic Control Device (Taser)
- ▶ Firearm

Policy Specifics

- ▶ Bans chokeholds.
- ▶ Requires de-escalation.
- ▶ Officers have a duty to intervene if excessive force is being used.
- ▶ Officers are restricted from firing at a moving vehicle except under limited circumstances.
- ▶ Officers can only use the force necessary and proportional to the amount needed to gain control. This can escalate and de-escalate during the same incident.
- ▶ When possible, officers must exhaust all other means before using deadly force.
- ▶ Officers are required to give a warning before deploying pepper spray or deploying their Taser. In most circumstances, a verbal warning will be given prior to using deadly force but it is not required.
- ▶ Officers are required to report every use of force.



What does a use of force investigation look like?

- ▶ On scene Sergeant enters the use of force in the system and does the initial investigation.
- ▶ A Lieutenant then conducts a review using the report and any video of the incident.
- ▶ A Major then reviews the use of force using available information.
- ▶ One of our Use of Force experts then reviews the use of force.
- ▶ The Deputy Chief reviews the force.
- ▶ Finally, I review the use of force.

Use of Force in Dunwoody

- ▶ Majority of force incidents involved the display of a firearm or display of a Taser.
- ▶ Majority of incidents that involve the use of force are shoplifting and retail fraud.

Year	Use of Force Incidents	Arrests	% of Arrests
2019	70	2,201	3.18
2018	105	2,004	5.23
2017	79	2,265	3.48

Dunwoody Police Department Demographics

Race	2010 Census	DPD
White	69.8 %	67.7 %
African American	12.8 %	12.9 %
Asian American	11.1 %	3.2 %
Hispanic	10.3 %	12.9 %
Two or More Races	2.3 %	3.2%
Females	48.13 %	6.5 %





Questions