

# Responses to the Community



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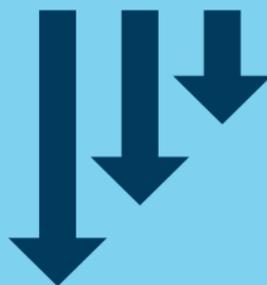
## Ban Choke Holds, Knee Holds and Strangleholds

WPD Policy and regulations specifically prohibit WPD officers from impeding normal breathing or blood circulation by applying pressure to the throat or neck unless lethal force is justified, or utilizing a baton or similar object as a choke hold for a containment or take down procedure. This is stated in WPD policy 906 and regulation 4.114.

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## De-Escalation Policy

WPD has implemented de-escalation language into its use-of-force policy 906. In 2016, WPD began focusing on de-escalation techniques to resolve situations without the use of force by utilizing time, distance, and communication. WPD has had significant success in using these techniques and diminishing, wherever possible, having to use force when dealing with those in crisis.



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## Duty to Intervene

WPD has revised its use-of-force policy to include a specific direction on duty to intervene. The language is stated in policy 906.

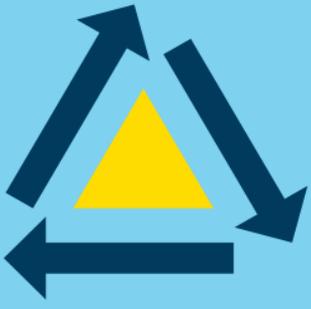
Duty to intervene was incorporated into WPD training for both new and veteran officers since 2016.

# Ban Shooting at Vehicles

WPD policy 906 prohibits shooting at moving vehicles and states: "Firearms shall not be discharged at a moving vehicle unless deadly force is necessary and exigent circumstances exist." This is also trained to all WPD officers throughout their law enforcement careers.



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# Use of Force Continuum

WPD trains all of its officers on the use of force continuum which outlines clear rules of engagement corresponding to different levels of resistance. Use of force is described in detail in WPD policy 906.



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