



2026 Use of Force Legal Standards Review Minimum Course Requirements

It is recommended that Use of Force be completed prior to teaching Control Tactics and Completing the Qualification Course.

This outline details the course concepts that **MUST** be covered during the training:

- Review of the Three Levels of Police/Citizen Interactions
- Sanctity of Human Life
- Legally Justifiable Force

- *Graham vs. Conner*
- *Tennessee vs. Garner*
- *Commonwealth vs. Ellis*
- *Barnes vs. Felix*

- Emotional Intelligence Civil and Vicarious Liability
- Duty to Intervene
- Qualified Immunity
- Critical Decision-Making Model/Implicit Bias
- De-escalation/Do's and Don'ts

Note: If you are teaching officers outside of your own agency; please inform the students they **MUST** review their own department-specific use of force and arrest-related policies.

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