

WHERE WE STAND

CSUCI POLICE STANCE IN REGARDS TO THE #8CANTWAIT ISSUES

Our Mission: The California State University Channel Islands Police Department, in partnership with its student-centered community, ensures for a safe and secure campus environment.



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I STRONGLY CONDEMN THE PRESENCE OF ANY TYPE OF RACISM OR OPPRESSION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND I DEMAND JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING.

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OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO EARN AND TO MAINTAIN THE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH OUR STUDENTS, OUR FACULTY, AND OUR STAFF AS WE WORK - THROUGH EDUCATION - TO FACILITATE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN SOCIETY.

I STAND ALONGSIDE YOU.

MICHAEL D. MORRIS
CHIEF OF POLICE

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BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS

CSUCI Police Officers do not strangle or choke suspects.

CSUCI Police Department policy does NOT permit the use of a "choke hold" or any other technique that is intended to stop the flow of air into a person's lungs. Our policy has allowed the use of the "Carotid Control Hold" in certain limited situations related to restraining a violent or combative individual (CSUCI PD Policy 300.3.4).

However, based on recent actions on the part of the California Legislature and the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), the CSUCI Police Department has suspended authorization for the use of the carotid control hold and it is being removed from current system-wide policies and procedures. This does not preclude the use of any practical force option or weapon when an officer is engaged in a life-threatening situation.





Our Philosophy: The Police Department accepts nothing less than excellence. What we do is important. What we do makes a difference.

REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

The CSUCI Police Department trains all of its officers in de-escalation techniques.

We value and seek peaceful resolutions to all incidents. CSUCI Police policy and training include de-escalation techniques and considerations for alternatives to physical force. All CSUCI police officers attend a 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Academy which focuses on recognizing incidents involving people who are in crisis, such as those with mental health issues or who are using drugs. Officers learn how to de-escalate situations and provide resources and assistance to the person in crisis and their family to hopefully facilitate continued care. Additionally, our officers receive regular training on de-escalating use-of-force scenarios and using the least invasive methods of control.



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

Our officers will give a verbal warning prior to the use of deadly force whenever feasible.

Our policy states, "Where feasible, the officer shall, prior to the use of force, make reasonable efforts to identify themselves as a peace officer and to warn that deadly force may be used, unless the officer has objectively reasonable grounds to believe the person is aware of those facts" (CSUCI PD Policy 300.4). This is in line with California Assembly Bill 392 and federal case law.

REQUIRE OFFICERS TO EXHAUST ALL OTHER MEANS BEFORE SHOOTING

Our officers are trained to use the most objectively reasonable level of force based the individual circumstances they might face.

Requiring officers to use all force options before being able to shoot is neither practical or safe, and is why we use a "force options" model. A force options policy model provides officers more flexibility and discretion to choose an option that is immediately most reasonable and appropriate, and based on the totality of the facts known to the officer(s). A force options model, combined with training that emphasizes proportional force, de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention techniques, and consideration of alternatives to physical force, is more appropriate and safe.





Our Philosophy: The Police Department supports civility, understanding and mutual respect towards all persons.



BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Our Policy discourages shooting at or from a moving vehicle with limited exceptions for when there are no other options available.

CSUCI PD Policy 300.4.1 states, "Shots fired at or from a moving vehicle are rarely effective. Officers should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants. An officer should only discharge a firearm at a moving vehicle or its occupants when the officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle is directed at the officer or others."

DUTY TO INTERVENE

CSUCI PD requires its officers to intervene.

CSUCI PD Policy 300.2.1 states, "Any officer present and observing another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, intercede to prevent the use of unreasonable force. An officer who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law should promptly report these observations to a supervisor."





Our Philosophy: The Police Department focuses on public safety issues through the delivery of services that include aspects of traditional law enforcement, as well as prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and partnerships.



REQUIRE A USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

The CSUCI Police Department allows an officer to choose the appropriate level of force, based on the situation. Our policy directs that the officer use, "...only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances known or perceived by the officer at the time of the event..."

Force continuum models have been widely described as outdated, impractical, and even dangerous. Progressive agencies have favored "force option" models over continuums. Force option models allow trained officers to select the most appropriate means of force, based on the totality of facts when compliance, physical separation, and de-escalation are unsuccessful.

REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

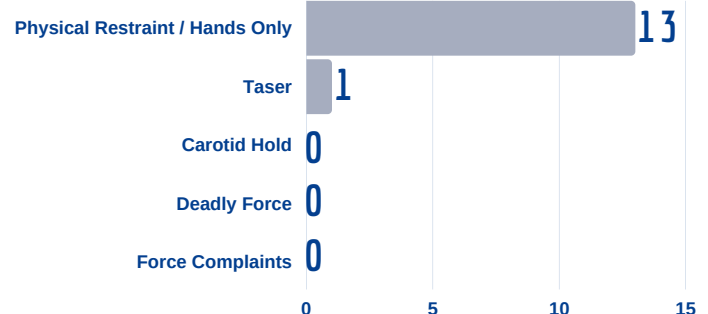
Officers are required to document all uses of force.

CSUCI Police PD Policy 300.5 requires all uses of force by any member of the department be documented promptly, completely and accurately in an appropriate report. Additionally, all use of force incidents require a supervisor's response and launches an automatic review process which includes an assessment of the level of force used, review of body worn video, any training needs, or if a policy violation has occurred. All use of force incidents are tracked and reviewed by the department's command staff.

CSUCI POLICE DEPARTMENT CORE GOALS:

- Employ excellent people.
- Educate, develop, and empower them to make a difference.
- Practice civility, understanding and mutual respect.
- Provide excellent traditional law enforcement services.
- Provide excellent crime prevention services.
- Facilitate problem solving as opposed to problem responding.
- Engage the community and nurture mutually beneficial partnerships.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS 2015-2020:





Our Philosophy: Every staff member, both individually and collectively, has the authority to solve problems and make operational decisions suitable to their roles. Leadership is required and rewarded at every level, with administrators, supervisors, police officers, and dispatchers held accountable for decisions and the effects of their efforts at solving public safety issues.



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