

Quick Check Match Report

Use-of-force policy — sample, agency and accrediting body withheld

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SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

At the request of a municipal police department, Policy 300, Use of Force, was run through the Badge 6 AI and compared, clause by clause, against Chapter 20 of the accrediting body's professional standards manual. The chapter contains 12 requirements, numbered 20.1 through 20.12. This is a preliminary policy match against a single document — not a formal audit, a mock assessment, or a check against the full standard set.

Five of the twelve requirements — 20.6, 20.8, 20.10, 20.11 and 20.12 — are ordinarily carried by a firearms directive rather than a use-of-force policy. They appear here because they sit in the same chapter, and they are reported separately from the seven a use-of-force policy would be expected to carry. The Department may hold other documents — the Firearms Policy, Control Devices and Techniques, Conducted Energy Device, training bulletins — that address requirements shown here as unmet. A finding on this scorecard describes what this one document demonstrates, not whether the practice exists at the Department.

The Badge 6 AI has been tested extensively against these standards and can still make mistakes; every finding below carries the policy language it rests on so the Department can verify it directly. This check evaluates the document against accreditation standards only. It is not a legal compliance review and is not a determination of compliance with state statute.

SOURCE POLICY DOCUMENT REVIEWED

DOCUMENT	NUMBER	EDITION
Law Enforcement Policy Manual — Use of Force	300	September 1, 2026

CHAPTER 20 AT A GLANCE

20.1	20.2	20.3	20.4	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.10	20.11	20.12
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2 Met — demonstrated by this document on its own. **7 Partial** — relevant language present, one or more elements not established. **3 No Evidence** — no supporting text located here.

Scored across all 12 requirements in the chapter. Of the 7 that a use-of-force policy would be expected to carry, 2 are met and 5 are partial.

WHAT THIS CHECK PRODUCED

12 REQUIREMENTS EXAMINED CLAUSE BY CLAUSE	9 FINDINGS QUOTING THE GOVERNING POLICY TEXT	8 DISTINCT SECTIONS OF POLICY 300 CITED
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WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO CLOSE THE TEN UNMET REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS	WHAT IS NEEDED
20.5, 20.6, 20.7, 20.8, 20.10	A document Badge 6 has not seen. Each of these points to a directive held outside Policy 300 — the Firearms Policy, Control Devices and Techniques, or Conducted Energy Device policy. Where those directives exist and carry the required language, these requirements may be satisfied already; Badge 6 can confirm that only once the documents are reviewed.
20.2	One definition. The deadly-force threshold is fully established; the term reasonable belief is simply not defined at 300.1.1 alongside imminent and serious bodily injury.
20.4, 20.9, 20.11, 20.12	New or expanded policy language. Issuing policy copies and completing instruction before firearm authorization; reporting every discharge rather than only those constituting force; annual qualification with each authorized firearm; restricting duty use to weapons and ammunition meeting agency specifications.

Grouping reflects what the reviewed document shows. Where a requirement points to another directive, Badge 6 can check it directly once supplied.

FEATURED FINDING

20.1 Only Force Necessary and 20.3 Fleeing Felon — both met

Policy 300 carries the two core force authorities on its own. It limits force to what reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose and requires every use of force to be documented promptly, completely and accurately. It permits deadly force against a fleeing felony suspect only where the offense involved the infliction or threatened infliction of serious bodily injury or death and an imminent risk to others is present if the individual is not apprehended.

REQUIREMENT-LEVEL DETAIL

Each requirement is matched against the language of Policy 300. Where the document contains relevant language, the governing section and its text are quoted so the finding can be checked against the source.

REQ	STANDARD	STATUS	FINDING AND POLICY BASIS
20.1	Only Force Necessary	Met	Force is limited to what reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose. Section 300.5 separately requires every use of force to be documented promptly, completely and accurately. § 300.3 <i>“Officers shall use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary given the facts and circumstances perceived by the officer at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose.”</i>
20.2	Use of Deadly Force	Partial	The deadly-force threshold is established, and both serious bodily injury and imminent are defined at 300.1.1. The conditional term reasonable belief is not expressly defined. § 300.4(a) <i>“An officer may use deadly force to protect themselves or others from what the officer reasonably believes is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.”</i>

REQ	STANDARD	STATUS	FINDING AND POLICY BASIS
20.3	Fleeing Felon	Met	Deadly force against a fleeing subject is permitted only on probable cause of a qualifying felony together with an imminent risk to another person. A verbal warning should precede its use where feasible. § 300.4(b) <i>"An officer may use deadly force to stop a fleeing subject when the officer has probable cause to believe that the individual has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious bodily injury or death, and the officer reasonably believes that there is an imminent risk of serious bodily injury or death to any other person if the individual is not immediately apprehended."</i>
20.4	Use of Force Policies	Partial	Annual instruction on the policy is required. Issuance of policy copies to all sworn personnel, and completion of that instruction before an officer is authorized to carry a firearm, are not established. § 300.8 <i>"Officers shall receive annual training on this policy and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding."</i>
20.5	Warning Shots	Partial	Warning shots appear only as an annual training subject with a cross-reference. The rules governing their discharge sit in the Firearms Policy, which was not part of this check. § 300.8.1(e) <i>"Warning shots (see the Firearms Policy)."</i>
20.6	Off-Duty Firearms	No Evidence	No supporting text located in this document.
20.7	Less Lethal Weapons	Partial	The general reasonable-force guidelines are extended to control devices and conducted energy devices. The weapon-specific directives themselves are held in the referenced policies, which were not part of this check. § 300.1 <i>"The guidelines for the reasonable application of force contained in this policy shall apply to all policies addressing the potential use of force, including but not limited to the Control Devices and Techniques and Conducted Energy Device policies."</i>
20.8	Personal Firearms	No Evidence	No supporting text located in this document.
20.9	Use of Firearm Report	Partial	Reports are required for uses of force, which covers firearm discharges constituting a use of force. A report is not expressly required for every discharge outside training or recreation, such as an accidental discharge. § 300.5 <i>"Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident."</i>
20.10	Proficiency	No Evidence	No supporting text located in this document.
20.11	Annual Qualification	Partial	The annual curriculum includes firearm-related policy topics. Annual qualification or practical training with each firearm the officer is authorized to carry is not required here. § 300.8.1(f) <i>"All other subjects covered in this policy (e.g., use of deadly force, chokeholds, discharge of a firearm at or from a moving vehicle, verbal warnings)."</i>

REQ	STANDARD	STATUS	FINDING AND POLICY BASIS
20.12	Authorized Weapons & Ammo	Partial	The policy addresses the reasonable use of improvised devices where department-issued tools would be impractical or ineffective. It does not restrict duty use to weapons and ammunition meeting agency specifications. § 300.3 <i>"In such circumstances, the use of any improvised device or method must nonetheless be reasonable and utilized only to the degree that reasonably appears necessary to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose."</i>

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