

COPS Presentation

Use of Force

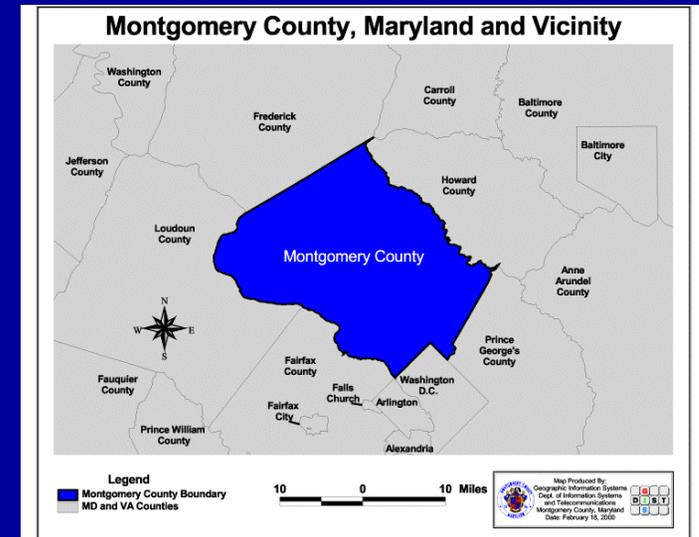
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Department of Police

- Serving a population of 900,000
- Covering 500 square miles
- 1150 sworn police officers
- 550 civilian employees
- Currently 200 tasers deployed



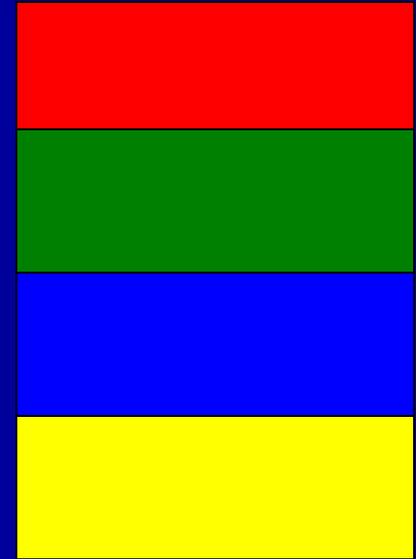
Use of Force Policy

- “Force which is reasonable and necessary to effect an arrest or to protect themselves and others.”
- “It is the level of force being used against the officer and the immediate potential for death or serious physical injury to the officers or others, which the officers should base their decision to use force of any level”.

Use of Force Continuum

Four Levels

- Deadly Force
- Protective Instruments
- Physical Force
- Communication/Verbal/
Presence



“Not predicted on a strict hierarchical sequence, nor must the officer elect to start at the lowest level.”

Training for Use of Conducted Energy Devices

- CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) 40-hours
- Taser Training Class 5-hours
- Recertification 5-hours annually
- Informal roll call

Use of Force Training

- Entry level recruit training
- In-service training
- Specialized use of force training

Use of Force Documentation

- Gathering of data
- Interpretation of data
- Evaluation of equipment and policy
- Union considerations
- Accountability

Use of Force Accountability

- Equipment
- Documentation of usage
- Review of usage
- Public trust

Public Trust

- Critical to our mission
- Perception is reality?
- Education of the public
- Accountability to the public
- Education of police officers

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