

Policy Title: USE OF FORCE POLICY	Policy #: PO-4-1
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**Policy Statement:**

The Council of the Town of Beaverlodge recognizes and respects the value and integrity of each human life. In vesting peace officers with the lawful authority to use force to carry out arrests and to protect the public welfare even as private citizens, the authority to use force in certain instances is justified under the Canadian Criminal Code. It is the policy of the Town of Beaverlodge that Community Peace Officers employed by this service use only that force which is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting the lives of Community Peace Officers employed by this service are to comply with all of the procedures outlines in this standard operating procedure in relation to the use of force.

**Use of Force:**

1. Members shall use as much force as is necessary to achieve compliance, in conforming to the Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT) "1+1" Theory, when making an arrest and/or providing Officer/Public Protection and to safely control a situation. This theory advocates that Officers can use one level of force higher than the level of resistance used by the subject.

**Post incident guidelines:**

2. The use of force in any situation must be continually evaluated with respect to further action. The member may need to escalate, de-escalate, or cease the use of force as deemed necessary.

1. Whenever a member takes action that results in or is alleged to have resulted in a use of force at the level of "Active Aggression" and higher, the member will:
2. Contact the police service of jurisdiction (RCMP), and inform them of the incident.
3. As soon as possible, contact the Chief Administrative Officer and his/her designate.
4. As soon as practical, after the incident, complete a written report detailing the circumstances surrounding the incident.
5. Forward a report to the Alberta Solicitor General, Public Security and Peace Officer Program Manager, within 24 hours of the incident.

**Qualifications and training:**


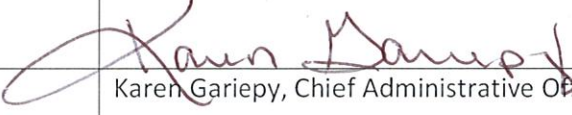
1. Members shall be trained in the use of Pressure Point Control Tactics in accordance with the Alberta Solicitor General's guidelines and standards.
2. Members will undergo testing and training every three years or at an interval as directed by the Alberta Solicitor General's standards.



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