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Course Title: 3.02, 6.01, 6.02 MLEAP Use of Deadly Force Training

Time: 1 hour

Course Description: This course will provide an overview of the legal constraint on use of physical force in performing law enforcement functions.

This course meets Level 2 MLEAP training requirements.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify the situations in which use of physical force – deadly and non-deadly – is authorized.
- Identify the limits that the Constitution, Maine law, agency policies, and your own training place on the use of force.
- Identify and describe the force concept and its application to law enforcement.

Course Outline Sections:

- Use of Deadly Force Training
 - Warning
 - Authorized Use of Force by Law Enforcement
 - Constitutional Protections
 - Graham v. Connor
 - Deadly Force Guidelines
 - Maine Law on Deadly Force
 - Purpose of a Use of Force Policy
 - Preservation of Life and Safety
 - Guidance on Control and Force
 - Reasonable and Necessary Force
 - Accountability and Documentation
 - Use of Force Policy Restrictions



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- Warning Shots
- Discharging Firearms at Moving Vehicles
- Chokeholds and Similar Techniques
- Use of Non-Deadly Force
 - Legal Justification
 - Effecting an Arrest or Preventing Escape
 - Self-Defense or Defense of Others
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- Considerations Before Using Force
 - Legal Authority
 - Objective Reasonableness
 - Factors Influencing Threat Level and Officer Response
 - Balancing Safety and Efficiency
- Other Factors to Remember
 - Legal Duty to Intervene
 - Duty to Act
 - Liability Under Section 1983 of the Federal Civil Rights Act
 - After Use of Force
 - Medical Aid
 - Supervisor Notification
 - Preserve Evidence
 - Documentation
- QUIZ: Use of Deadly Force