

PROVINCIAL POLICING STANDARDS

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Definitions

"Director" – the director of police services, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

"Intermediate weapon" – a device intended or designed to be used as a weapon, but for which the normal use is not intended or likely to cause serious injury or death. Impact weapons, aerosols and conducted energy weapons fall within this category. Intermediate weapons may also be referred to as less-lethal weapons.

"Officer" – a constable appointed under the *Police Act* or an enforcement officer appointed under s. 18.1 of the *Police Act*.

Standards

The chief constable, chief officer, or commissioner:

Approved use-of-force model

- (1) Must ensure a use-of-force model approved by the director, as depicted in Appendix 1, is in use in the police force, which includes at least the following force options:
 - (a) Officer presence;
 - (b) Communication, including specifically incorporating and depicting crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques;
 - (c) Physical control;
 - (d) Intermediate weapons; and
 - (e) Lethal force.

Training, qualification, and requalification

(2) Must ensure each officer successfully completes a training course, qualifies, and thereafter requalifies on the use-of-force model and techniques.

Written records of training

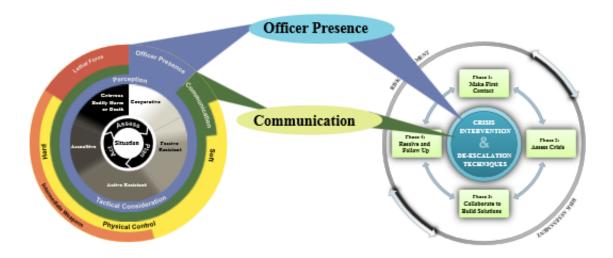
(3) Must maintain written records of the use-of-force training and requalification courses completed by each officer of the police force.

Policies and procedures

- (4) Must ensure the police force maintains written use-of-force policy and procedures.
- (5) Must ensure the police force's written use-of-force policy and procedures provide direction to officers on at least the following force options:
 - a) Officer presence;
 - b) Communication, including crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques;
 - c) Physical control;
 - d) Intermediate weapons; and
 - e) Lethal force.
- (6) Must ensure policies and procedures are consistent with these *BC Provincial Policing Standards*.

BCPPS 1.9.1 Appendix 1 – Approved use-of-force models

National Use of Force Framework (NUFF) & Crisis-Intervention & De-escalation (CID)



Incident Management and Intervention Model (IMIM) & Crisis-Intervention & De-escalation (CID)

