**ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**SUBJECT: USE OF FORCE MATRIX**

**STANDARD: 6.2, 20.1, 20.5, 21.1, 21.2**

**GO# 208A**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/27/2005**

**SHERIFF: CHRISTOPHER M. BOURKE**

**AMENDED DATE: 07/07/2020**

1. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline for deputies to follow regarding the type and amount of force to use when effecting an arrest/taking an individual into custody.

1. **DEFINITIONS:**

Deputies must use reasoned discretion in determining the type and amount of force to be used in each individual situation.

Deputies, **AT ALL TIMES**, must be aware of the subject’s actions, and **DE-ESCALATE** when the subject stops resisting.

1. **LOW LEVEL**- includes the following:
2. Verbal Persuasion/Presence
3. Verbal Commands
4. **INTERMEDIATE LEVEL**- includes the following:
5. Empty Hands (i.e- empty handed escort control, use of pressure points)
6. Physical Restraint (i.e- joint locks, come-along holds, control holds)
7. OC Aerosol (OC/pepper spray)
8. Taser X26/X26P
9. **HIGH LEVEL**- includes the following:
10. Physical Contact (i.e- kicks, elbow strikes, palm strikes, knee strikes, punches)
11. Impact Device Below Clavicle (Baton/ASP/other)
12. Less Lethal Devices (ie- baton rounds, beanbag rounds, inclusive of those fired from firearms)
13. Police K-9 Utilization
14. Stop Sticks/Stinger Spikes/any other controlled deflation device, used against occupied vehicle
15. **DEADLY FORCE**- includes the following:
16. Use of Firearm
17. Impact Devices (above clavicle)

ORDER BY THE SHERIFF



**USE OF FORCE MATRIX**

**HIGH LEVEL**



LOW LEVEL

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

Command Presence

Verbal Commands

DEADLY FORCE

**DEADLY PHYSCIAL FORCE**

(Against Officer / Third Person)

Firearms

Impact Instruments

(above clavicle)

**INTERMEDIATE**

**ASSAULTIVE**

Personal Weapons

(Punch/Kick)

Impact Instruments

(below clavicle)

**RESISTIVE**

O.C Aerosol

Taser X26/X26P

Empty Hand

Joint Manipulation

Wrist/Arm Locks