



East Norriton Township Police Department

GENERAL ORDER 1.3.2

USE OF DEADLY FORCE

Subject:

Use of Force

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Only Utilize Deadly Force When Justified

1.3.2 Use of Deadly Force

- A. Officers shall only use deadly force when reasonable and justified to effect lawful objectives in conformance to the provisions of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, other Pennsylvania statutory provisions, and the Pennsylvania and Federal Court Decisions.
- B. The Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Title 18, Chapter 5, Section 508, Subsection (a.), relating to "The Use of Force in Law Enforcement", provides for the lawful use of deadly force by a police officer only when he/she believes that:
 1. The action is in defense of human life, including the officer's own life, or in defense of any person in immediate danger of serious physical injury, or when he/she reasonably believes that both:
 - a. Such force is necessary to prevent the arrest from being defeated by resistance or escape; and
 - b. The person to be arrested has committed or attempted a forcible felony or is attempting to escape and possesses a deadly weapon, or otherwise indicates that he/she will endanger human life or inflict serious bodily injury unless arrested without delay.
 2. Shoot to Stop.
 - a. Officers will fire their weapons to stop and incapacitate an assailant from completing a potentially deadly act as described in this general order.

By order of:

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Brandon Pasquale
Chief of Police

